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Town Meeting to decide on matching funds for Will Hall lease option \$2 million more in taxes for senior center?

By Rebecca Piro

It's been almost four years since the town donated \$500,000 as seed money for a senior center, and seniors have struggled to double that figure through fundraising. Now, one resident is asking the town for more — \$2 million to be specific — and he says the town has a responsibility to do so.

Former town manager and selectmen Richard Bowen submitted an article to the Annual Town Meeting warrant requesting up to \$2 million of town funds to help the seniors turn Will Hall at Phillips Academy into a cen-

ter. If passed, the article would have the town government match, dollar for dollar, any donations given to the senior-center cause by the community, up to a total of \$2 million.

"The primary responsibility for providing a service center is the town's," Bowen says. The town demonstrated its support for a youth center at November's Special Town Meeting when it approved a proposal for a center off Ledge Road in West Andover. That proposal calls for a youth foundation to raise 100 percent of the construction money. Now, says Bowen, it's

time for the town to again show its support for seniors.

Bob Zollner, the new chair of the seniors' steering committee, agrees with Bowen.

"Just as youths are the responsibility of the municipal government, so are the seniors," he says.

He is pleased with Bowen's article, though he says that neither he nor the seniors' fundraising consultant Butcher, Nolan & Briggs contributed to its formation. "It's a challenge — a very common device used in the fundraising field," Zollner says. "The town doesn't

spend a thing if we don't raise anything."

According to Bowen's article, town funds would only be made available to the seniors after they are matched by donors. The town has the money to spare, Bowen says, adding that the town could contribute the cash with a "tax impact best described as slight."

Since 1999, when the town first signed a lease with Will Hall owner Phillips Academy, the private group Friends of Andover Seniors had agreed to

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SLICE OF LIFE



Photo by Tim Jean

Stacked up at the line — Though some are disappointed in the Super Bowl match up, pizza boxes will be piled high and local pizza twirlers like Norma Avola of Spinners will have their game faces on this Sunday. The Andover High School Marching Band will hold a pizza-selling fundraiser at Papa Gino's. Stories, pages 11, 30.

McCarthy, O'Brien to team again Two principals already named for new schools

By Judy Wakefield

The town's two new schools are not scheduled to open for another 19 months, but they already have principals.

School Superintendent Claudia Bach announced earlier this week that Bancroft School principal Norah McCarthy will be principal for grades 6, 7, and 8 at the new school while Shawshen School principal Brenda O'Brien will be principal of kindergarten through grade 5 at the new school.

McCarthy's job takes effect July 1, while O'Brien will assume her new position on

July 1, 2002.

Bach said the hirings were necessary well ahead of the school's opening because "literally hundreds of decisions need to be made" and those are better handled when someone "is in charge and on-site."

She said the School Committee agreed and supports hiring McCarthy, and, therefore paying her salary, for more than a year before the school opens. Ideally, Bach would have O'Brien starting this summer, too, but financially it was out of the question.

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Affordable homes in Andover Getting attention again

By Adam Groff


With two comprehensive permit applications before the Zoning Board of Appeals and another on the way, affordable housing is again making headlines in Andover.

Within the past two weeks, the board has heard from AvalonBay Communities, which seeks a 152-unit apartment complex where a monastery now stands on River Road, and Joseph Zagarella, who wants to

build 16 condominiums on less than an acre at Lowell Road and Wild Rose Drive. Residents in both neighborhoods, each zoned for single-family residences, fiercely oppose the applications, which could override local zoning under the state's Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit Law, more commonly known as the "anti-snob zoning law." Developer Bill Perkins is also interested in building homes on land he

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Congressman Marty Meehan (left) and wife Ellen Murphy (right) greet Elizabeth and Charlie Daher of Andover at a brief reception held Saturday, before presidential inauguration in Washington. The four later watched George W. Bush, a Phillips Academy grad, become the 43d president.

Watching 'W' become 43d

Charles and Elizabeth Daher of Andover Country Club Lane were among the throngs braving a cold and damp Washington, D.C. for Saturday's inauguration of George W. Bush as the nation's 43d president.

"It's the passing of power of the most powerful person in the world," said Daher last Thursday. He is registered as Unenrolled and has contributed to both Democrats and Republicans. "To me this is not a political thing," he said. "I'm looking forward to being a part of history - we're witnessing a political dynasty."

Daher said Monday that they and their son Charles III, a sophomore at Georgetown University, waited in seemingly interminable

security lines Saturday morning to get onto the Mall in front of the Capitol building. After that, according to Daher, they were "as close as can be" to the ceremonies.

"It's just amazing when you turn around and look all the way down to the Washington Monument and see that enormous sea of people," he said.

Afterward, the Dahers attended one of the 12 inaugural balls held in the city. Theirs was at the Washington Armory and sponsored, according to Daher, by several states, including Massachusetts. Earlier in the day, the Dahers called on US Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Lowell) in his office.

— Adam Groff

Watching Habitat home become 34th

Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity dedicated its 34 home on Hancock Street in Lawrence last Sunday. Jim Taggart received the Margot Bixby Award for Community Service, and Andover Bank was given the organization's first Corporate Partner Award.

According to Habitat, the bank's "partnership has included financial support, low-interest operating loans, property donations and servicing of all of Habitat's mortgages."

New businesses hold celebrations

The new Cerida Corp., formerly known as TeleSales Inc., celebrated its new name and the relocation of its headquarters to Andover with an open house yesterday, Wednesday, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Cerida has moved to 200 Minuteman Road.

Because of all the new development in Andover, Cerida is not the only business with something to celebrate. Hawthorn Suite is planning a one-year anniversary party for Feb. 15.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pay taxes by next week or face 14 % interest

The town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2001. Payment is due Thursday, Feb. 1. Taxes not paid by that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent. Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the assessor's office. Applications for abatements must be received in the assessor's office by 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 1. The town offices, at 36 Bartlet St., is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with the town seal in front of the town offices. The assessor's office and the tax collector's office will also be open Feb. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Residents who have not received a bill or who have questions, can call 623-8200.

Title V septic seminar

Those wishing to obtain updated information about the inspection procedures regarding Title V requirements for septic system inspections can attend a meeting on Monday, Jan. 29 at 7:15 p.m. at Essex Agricultural School, Smith Hall, Route 62, Danvers.

This is a 90-minute program and will cover the inspection procedures, costs, tax credits, and how to obtain a "certificate of compliance."

Preregistration is not required. For more information, call Dan Tremblay at (978) 777-2711.

Cholesterol screening

The Andover Board of Health will be holding cholesterol screening clinics on the Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. until noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only.

The simple finger-stick test for total cholesterol costs \$5 and does not require fasting. For an appointment, call the health department at 623-8295.

Web question

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: The town will close the Town Meeting warrant tomorrow, Friday, meaning residents can no longer conventionally file warrant articles for Annual Town Meeting. Town Meeting will not begin until April 23. Should Andover keep the warrant open longer?

Farmhouse move delayed by winter weather

Sunday's precipitation got the best of plans to move the Pearson farmhouse a short distance down South Main Street from the edge of the Phillips Academy campus to a plot owned by David Barrett Homes of Wilmington. The historic farmhouse is being relocated to make room for the new hockey rinks Phillips plans to build.

"It was the snow, obviously," said Safety Officer Robert Cronin of the last-minute cancellation. "Mass Electric had safety issues with their people, and Mass Highway and Andover police had issues with safety and the utility vehicles that were out."

The Massachusetts Highway Department had previously warned that the house could not be

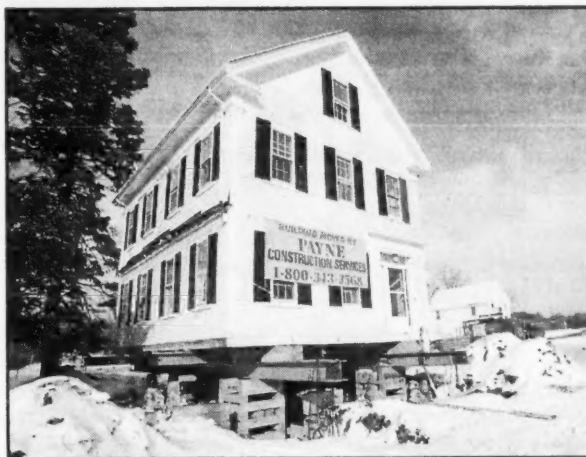


Photo by Tim Jean

The Pearson farmhouse currently sits on the corner of South Main Street waiting to be moved up the road.

moved if there was rain or snow. The police department further stipulated that the temperature must be at or above 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

The move, which is

being conducted for Barrett by Payne Building Movers of Strafford, N.H., is rescheduled for this Sunday, Jan. 28, at the same hour, 7 a.m.

— Adam Groff

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 25

Ballardvale Traffic Task Force, town offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Andover Housing Partnership Committee, town offices, community development and planning office, first floor, 7 p.m.

Government Review Committee, town offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26

Strategic Planning Task Force, town offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 29

Doherty Middle School Council, McGrail Media Center, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Redistricting Task Force, town offices, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Andover Contributory Board, town offices, third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Planning Board, town offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Board of Health, town offices, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

'E'veryone has the tendency to put the blame (on the contractor), but there are numerous issues out of the (contractor's control)."

Carlos Mello, president of Mello Construction, general contractor for the safety center project, stating that the town is to blame for the project's slow progress. (Story, page 15.)

'E'ven people we're giving vouchers to are having a hard time, because there isn't enough housing. I can't emphasize that enough. People have to live somewhere."

Andover Housing Authority director Christine Metzemaeker on the need for affordable housing in Andover. (Story, page 1.)

'J'ust as youths are the responsibility of the municipal government, so are the seniors."

Bob Zollner, chair of the steering committee for Will Hall, stating that the town should give seniors the type of support that it's given to youths in their efforts for a youth center. (Story, page 1.)

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Mysterious smell on Whittier

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"It's like somebody's burning railroad ties or telephone poles and making me cough at night," he said. "It's a vague tarlike or burning smell." He said he has been noticing it for about two weeks between about 8 p.m. and midnight.

"I'm partly concerned it may be an elderly person trying to keep warm who may not know they can get fuel assistance," he said.

Health Director Everett Penney said a health inspector went to the area but didn't notice anything. Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore said she lives near Whittier and Elm streets and walks her dog every night, but hasn't noticed anything either. She also said that for her to formally address such a complaint, she needs to receive a written complaint referring to a specific address.

A family of four with a household income of less than \$34,100 is eligible for state fuel assistance. The Lawrence-area Fuel Assistance Office may be reached at 681-4950. A family of four whose income is between \$34,100 and \$46,888 may receive assistance from the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, administered by the Salvation Army, at 682-8038.

Resident featured on '60 Minutes' segment

Sent book, CBS' Rooney sends kind words

Irene Murphy doesn't understand why Andy Rooney wanted to talk about her during his commentary at the end of *60 Minutes* two Sundays ago.

"I haven't done anything important," she says. "I was just cleaning out boxes of books in my attic, and I found one that I thought he might like."

The book, called *Handy Andy*, was a novel published in London in 1842. The first sentence is, "Andy Rooney was a fellow who had the most singularly ingenious knack of doing everything the wrong way." Murphy packaged the book and mailed it with an explanatory note to Rooney at CBS Studios in New York.

"I didn't think that Andy Rooney himself would even see the note," says Murphy. "I thought it would perhaps be read by his staff and then chucked out."

But instead, Murphy received a personal letter from Andy Rooney dated Jan. 2.

"Dear Irene," the opening lines read, "Irene Murphys are a disappearing breed. So too, I guess, are 'Andy Rooneys.'" The closing lines

are, "Thanks again. If we'd known each other I think we'd have been friends."

Murphy says she was "surprised and thrilled" to receive a letter from Rooney. She was even more surprised when she received a telephone call from his secretary shortly thereafter.

"She said she thought I should watch *60 Minutes* the coming Sunday," says Murphy. "She didn't give me any details, but said she thought I'd be pleased with his commentary."

During his weekly remarks on the 14th, Rooney held up Murphy's letter, thanked her, and said that she was the fourth person to send him a copy of *Handy Andy*. He went on to say that although his own disposition is often curmudgeonly, people like Murphy make him feel "warm inside."

Murphy says she was "flabbergasted." After the show aired, she started



Photo by Tim Jean

Give her a hand — Andy Rooney found a kindred spirit in Andover's Irene Murphy.

receiving phone calls from friends and relatives who saw the episode without knowing she would be mentioned.

Tracy McGovern, now of Lovejoy Road, lived across the street from Murphy for eight years.

"My parents called me from New Jersey and said 'Wasn't that your neighbor?'" she said. "I think (Rooney) really related to her."

McGovern, like Rooney, sees a simple, good-hearted humanity in Murphy. "She was a lovely, lovely neighbor,"

said McGovern. "She was the neighbor who brought me chicken pot pie when I had my first baby."

"It was so nice of Andy to give recognition to an unknown, everyday-type senior citizen like me," says Murphy. "He surely made my day!"

— Adam Groff

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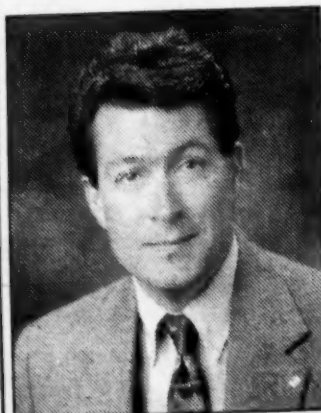
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Town's affordable housing percentage compares favorably

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owns in Ballardvale, off Dale Street, says Steve Colyer, planning director.

But what is the state of affordable housing in Andover? Housing and planning officials say that based on the number of applications for housing from people who qualify as moderate or low income, there is not enough here. On the other hand, while the amount of affordable housing in town is just below the state recommendation, it is higher than the state average.

The Comprehensive Permit Law was designed in 1969 to streamline the process of building affordable housing in communities where there is a perceived local need. "Local need" is defined in the law as a level of affordable housing - housing whose construction was subsidized by a state or federal program - below 10 percent of total housing units as recorded on the latest census.

All but 23 communities in the state fall into this category, which allows developers to apply for a comprehensive permit if a certain proportion of the proposed units are then sold or rented at a fraction of the market rate.

According to the 1990 census, 9.03 percent of Andover's housing is affordable, placing the town just shy of the top 10 percent of towns in the state; the state average is 8.54 percent.

When a local board rejects or places conditions on a comprehensive permit application, the applicant has recourse to the state Housing Appeals Committee, which, when a

town is below the 10-percent affordable housing level, may well side with the developer.

Colyer, the planning director, says he hopes that if a developer appealed to the state, Andover's proximity to the benchmark would demonstrate the town's good faith.

"I think Andover has been proactive," he says. "Compare (9.03 percent) to other communities like Andover." Andover has a higher percentage of affordable housing as defined by the state than every town bordering it except Lawrence, sometimes by a factor of two or more.

"Now the real question for me," says Colyer, "is if we get appealed, and we wind up before (HAC Chairman) Werner Lohe in Boston, will they take that into consideration."

Andover Housing Partnership Committee member Christopher Haynes is confident

that they would. "I don't see the state having the political stomach to be siding with the developer against Andover," he says. He says that by closing on the 10 percent benchmark, the town has "secured the moral high ground," and can argue from a strong position in comparison to other affluent towns.

The Housing Partnership Committee was formed in 1987 to mediate between developers and

residents in the face of a rash of comprehensive permit applications, but the body fell into disuse in the mid-1990s. In 1999, selectmen reconstituted the committee to pursue the town's goal of expanding affordable housing. The committee is scheduled to swear in three new members tonight, Thursday, expanding its membership to eight.

"Because of that work we did

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The Abbot's Pond development, off Andover Street, is one of a handful of affordable housing developments approved during a push for affordable housing in the mid-1980s.

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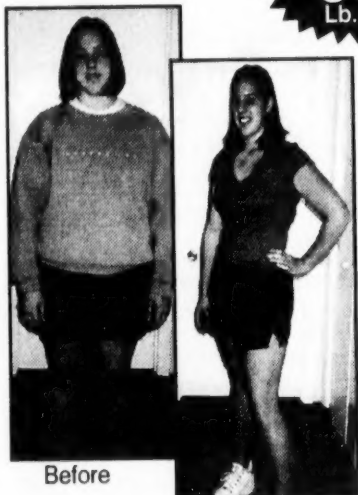
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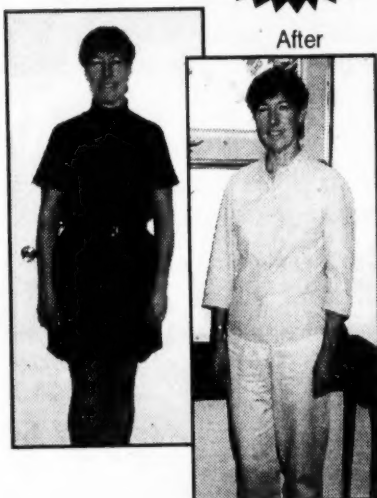
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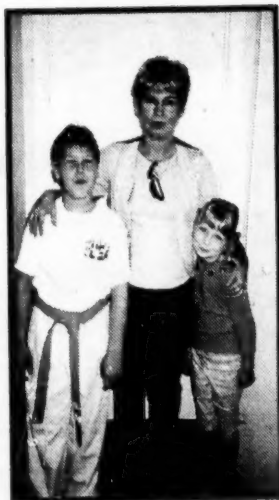
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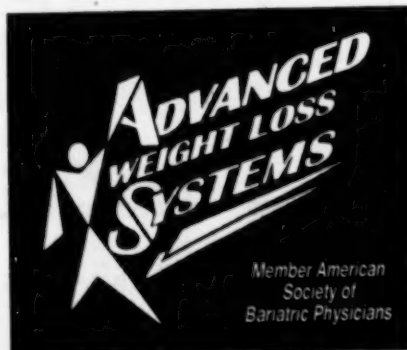
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\$2 million more for center

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raise all \$4 million - except the \$500,000 seed money from the town - by themselves. Bowen's \$2 million proposal does not go along with that initial agreement, says Selectmen Chairman Brian Major. Two months ago, when the seniors' fundraising consultant Butcher, Nolan & Briggs interviewed Major for its feasibility report, it was still shooting towards raising the entire cost, he says.

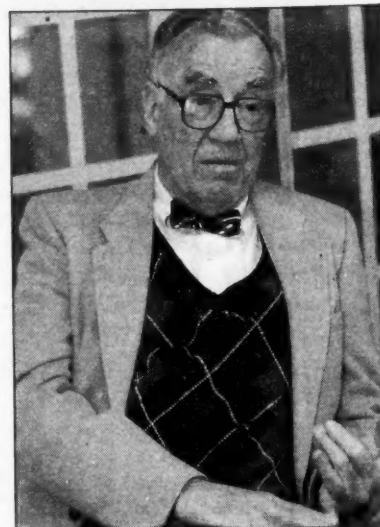
"They were specifically looking to raise \$4 million," says Major.

But Zollner says that nothing in the town's original agreement with the seniors eliminated the option to go back for more money. "It was a private/town partnership (agreement)," says Zollner. "The town is in a partnership with us. So I'm (calling on) the partner. I don't think that it's untoward for the seniors to go in there and ask for a matching gift."

Besides his initial surprise at the article, Major says he is also concerned that the estimated cost of the project has risen from \$4 million to \$5.6 million, having heard the higher figure from town Project Manager Phil Tuminelli. He wants that discrepancy settled, and he wants to see Butcher's feasibility report, which has not been made public, at the Feb. 5 selectmen's meeting, when Zollner is scheduled to make a presentation to the board.

"I feel that it's premature to go this route when we haven't seen the fundraiser's report," says Major. "I'm curious as to why the cart is before the horse." If seniors had handed over the report by Monday, Jan. 22 - which they did not - the officials and seniors could have discussed together what the best option is, he adds.

But Bowen says that seniors



Bob Zollner, steering committee chairman

deserve the Will Hall option - no matter what route they take to get there.

"I've involved myself in town matters consistently for over 37 years," he says. "I have seen what the seniors have been trying to do for 37 years. It has been a monumental struggle for them."

Raising the money through this type of "challenge grant" will forge a greater sense of "community purpose and pride," he adds.

He says he understands that some residents may question why the town should hand over more money since it already donated \$500,000 when the seniors were just getting started. But he says that there are people who would jump at the challenge. "How about the people that say this is a marvelous idea?" he says.

Zollner hopes that the article, if passed, will "reinvigorate the Will Hall effort." Seniors have come too far with Will Hall to turn back now, he adds. "This would be (throwing) a lot of money down the drain if we don't try," he says.



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Other 2001 articles

By Rebecca Piro

Four days are set aside for the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, scheduled to begin Monday, April 23, but this year residents might not need them all.

The number of articles on the warrant is at "an all-time low," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. A maximum of 45 articles will fill this year's warrant, 11 of them private and 34 public. Though by no means an all-time low in the history of Andover, the total is about half that seen at the Annual Town Meetings of the 1990s.

Selectmen anticipate presentations on all the major issues before Town Meeting, starting with one from Bob Zollner, chair of the seniors' steering committee, on Monday, Feb. 5.

Zollner will address the private warrant article filed by Richard Bowen, former selectman and town manager, that requests a maximum of \$2 million from the town to be matched by donors. (See related article, page 1 and facing page.) The gift is intended to help seniors reach their \$4 million goal to turn Phillips Academy dorm Will Hall

into a senior center.

A second private article, filed by resident Tom Jones, requests that the town turn over the recreationally-zoned Essex Sand and Gravel pit to the Conservation Commission for preservation. Jones, who will not name his supporters at this time, would like to see the sand pit turned into an ecological park, protecting and encouraging the growth of plant and animal life, as well as creating an educational resource.

This is one of two Town Meeting articles that will ask residents to change the use of the sand pit. A public article, requested by Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi, requests \$1.1 million from the town - \$500,000 of which the Soccer Association would repay - to build three athletic fields in that spot.

On request of the health department, the town will vote on whether to ban smoking in all restaurants, eliminate tobacco vending machines in all establishments, and enforce fines of up to \$300 for selling tobacco to minors.

Piantedosi requests an additional \$235,000 for the safety center project. Of that amount, \$100,000 would

replace funds, originally intended for equipment and furnishings, that were eliminated from the budget last summer when bid prices came in higher than expected. Another \$135,000 will purchase the building's security system, which the general contractor says he will not pay for.

Looking to draw attention to an existing selectmen policy he believes is unconstitutional, resident Dennis Teves is facetiously asking residents to grant selectmen the right to refuse additional articles

before they sign the warrant, thereby denying "the First Amendment rights of Andover citizens to petition."

Other articles include supporting:

- \$3.6 million for the purchase of the Reichhold Chemical property;
- \$20,000 to purchase and install holiday lighting on the Main Street and Elm Green area;
- up to \$100,000 for any necessary legal proceedings regarding the Nickel Hill power plant, sited for Dracut,

in the interest of ensuring the health of Andover residents;

• \$150,000 to continue the Ballardvale Community Master Plan study, specifically traffic and civil engineering and landscape architectural designing;

- \$300,000 for town-yard repairs;
- \$1,157,000 for repairs to bridges and public buildings;
- \$600,000 for annual sidewalk reconstruction; and a total of \$870,000 to construct new sidewalks in various areas of town.



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Help wanted: Active citizens

There has been talk the past few days about the difficulties a leader faces when trying to spur a country to greatness during times of peace and prosperity. When everything's going well, the argument goes, people are too busy enjoying themselves to rally around a leader or cause.

Throw a bitterly contested election and a split electorate into the mix, and new President George W. Bush would seem to have his work cut out for him as he takes office. That image didn't improve much on Saturday. Bush tried to inspire during his inauguration speech, calling for this flawed but great nation to continue seeking grand and enduring ideals, and to let these ideals "lift us above our interests and teach us what it means to be citizens." But the new president's most eloquent phrases seemed to be greeted by only lukewarm applause. The only time a truly enthusiastic cheer could be heard, at least on television, was when Bush repeated his campaign call to reduce taxes.

There's nothing wrong with lower taxes, to be sure, but as a new administration – a new millennium – begins, citizens of earth's most powerful nation should also seek more timeless goals. And they don't need to be Bush supporters to do so. They don't even need to look too far to see where they can make a lasting difference.

In Andover, residents need to be frugal about how much more they add to their taxes or they face the reality of needing a general override of Proposition 2 1/2. But those residents with the means and interest currently have the opportunity to make a lasting mark on Andover. Those that support the current senior and youth efforts can give Andover a senior center that residents can use for at least the next 30 years, and a youth center that residents can use, theoretically, for as long as the building stands.

Waiting for one person in government to champion these centers has proved futile during the past several decades. The future – and leadership – is never up to one man, no matter what the economic times. It's up to all of us.

As a former Andover prep-school student said Saturday, it's time for everyone, on both the local and national levels, to renew their efforts to be "responsible citizens, building communities of service and a nation of character."

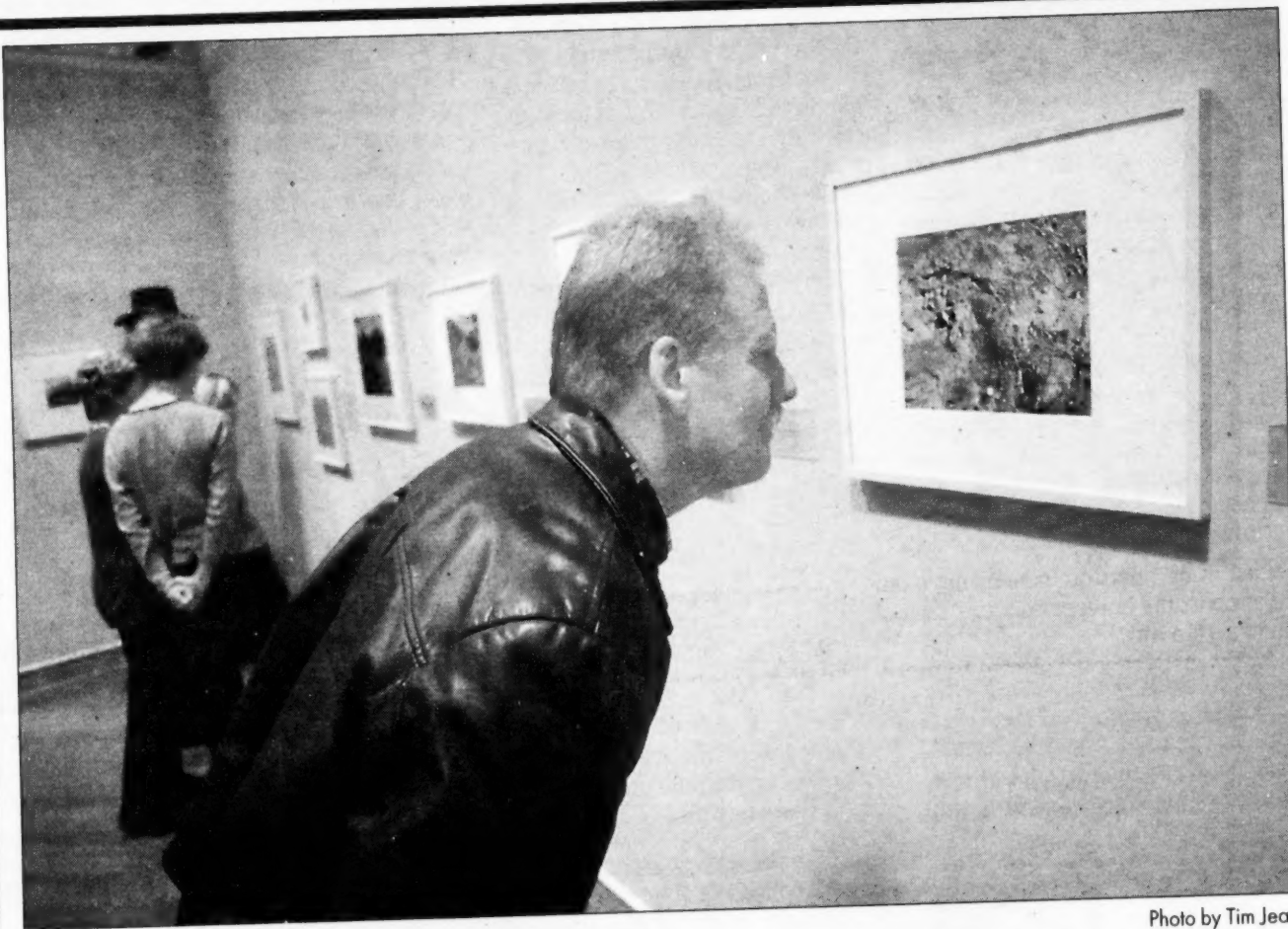
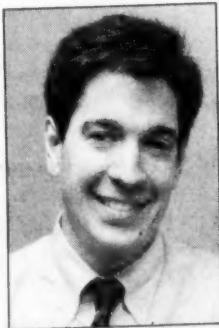


Photo by Tim Jean

Jeremy Barnard of Georgetown, whose son Ian attends Phillips, gets a close look at the opening of the *Reinventing the West* exhibition at the Addison Gallery of American Art. Story, page 21.

For partnership, seniors must share report



Neil Fater

I believe most Andover voters would support a new senior center. After all, in 1997 they voted to approve \$500,000 to kickstart a fundraising project – and the seniors didn't have a specific plan yet.

The new idea to have town government – in other words, taxpayers – match up to \$2 million donated by community members may save the idea of renovating Will Hall and leasing it for the town's senior center. After all, it cuts in half the amount that seniors need to raise. With a summer fundraising deadline quickly approaching, some significant action needs to be taken. Less than \$1 million has been raised, half of it from the 1997 Town Meeting.

But if proponents of the Will Hall idea are to win favor for the proposal at Town Meeting, they'll have to do a lot of work between now and April – and not all of it at fundraising. They need to regain the backing of some town officials and members of the public.

Since 1997, the private fundraising group Friends of Andover Seniors has sworn that it would raise all of the then-estimated \$4 million cost of the senior-center project.

When the *Townsmen* would ask for fundraising updates, it was usually denied specifics, told by Doreen Correnti, president of the Friends, on at least one occasion that she needed to tally the latest round of checks before she could give even an estimate. The refusal to give an estimate, she said, was to prevent "misinformation." Of course, the result of this approach was to deny the public any information. An admission that the group was having trouble raising funds might have allowed the town to pursue a new approach, such as the matching gift idea, sooner.

The Will Hall lease option also won selectmen's support by a narrow 3-2 vote. Selectmen Chairman Brian Major has made it clear that it was important to him that the seniors intended to raise the money themselves. Will Hall proponents have assured him all along that they intended to raise all the money. They'll need to explain why he and other officials were surprised by a warrant article on Jan. 19, rather than told about the idea months ago.

Will Hall supporters need to earn people's trust and they need to make sure that all senior groups are on the same page. Images of openness and teamwork

have been lacking.

At the senior building committee meeting last week, Phil Tuminelli, the town's project manager, and Correnti were slated to appear and give reports. Neither was present at the meeting, the first by the group since Nov. 27.

Senior-center groups and supporters need to inform one another, and other officials, in a timely manner. They also must prove they have nothing to hide by sharing all details of the fundraiser's report. Currently, the Friends haven't even shared details of the report with public officials. When Tim Sullivan, senior center building committee member, asked if the fundraiser's report addressed how the suggested fundraising effort would differ from the unsuccessful efforts of the past four years, he received only a partial answer.

"Yes," said Rita Carrier, a Friends and committee member. "They haven't officially given us a write-up on that, so we're not going to go into it."

But Will Hall supporters need to "go into it" if they want the \$2 million. And if Will Hall supporters want taxpayers to pick up half the tab for the Will Hall lease option – \$2.5 million in total – they need to treat them as partners. They need to keep them in the loop.

Neil Fater, editor of the *Townsmen*, can be reached at nfater@andovertownsman.com.

Letters

Senator lauds straight A's of town's bond rating

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Recently, the town of Andover received great news from Moody's Investor Service. Moody's upgraded the town's bond rating from Aa1 to Aaa, the highest bond rating under Moody's system. ("Town gets top bond rating, figures to save on construction," *Townsmen*, Dec. 14.)

According to Moody's, this upgraded bond rating reflects Andover's "consistently strong operating performance distinguished by a forward-thinking management method, a considerable and diverse tax base with significant future growth opportunities, and a modest debt position benefiting from self-supporting enterprises and school construction aid."

As the state senator elected to represent the Andover community, I wish to recognize Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Finance Director Tony Torrisi, the selectmen, the Finance Committee, and all town employees for their hard work in making this bond-rating upgrade possible.

Sue Tucker
State Senator

Hard feelings over brick fluff in ad insert

Editor, *Townsmen*:

It is not the first and, I dare say, will not be the last English language faux pas to grace the pages of our beloved *Andover Townsmen*. This time, however, I must speak up.

In an article in last week's pull-out Home Improvement insert, an article about brick facing made to resemble early colonial brickwork refers to the products as "new machine-molded antiques." ("Increasing options make

Commuter lots leave a lot to be desired - namely, spaces

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The following was sent to the Board of Selectmen.

Friends, Andoverites, sensible folk:

Ballardvale's Commuter Rail lot was full at 7:10 a.m. this morning, Monday. The skies were clear the forecast was good and the roads were clear (of snow anyway). Since I had already found Andover station full at 7:03 a.m., I added to the downtown traffic by proceeding to Ballardvale, adding to their traffic. Finding the station full I proceeded down River Street, adding to traffic on that already congested road. Finally I made my way to Route 93 to enjoy a sunny, two-hour bumper-to-bumper commute to Boston. Oh, how fortunate I am to live in Andover, with its lovely homes, fine schools and disdain for commuter rail!

When I arrived at my office a colleague (from Tewksbury) announced that had he not only traveled along Dascomb Road to Clark (where he was greeted by a sign announcing that this was not the route to the commuter rail station), but to the same Ballardvale station, which he found full as well. He was so bold as to share that he had thoughts of parking on a side street in the Vale for the entire day in order to



Photo by Tim Jean

Park place? — As residents like the letter writer continue to complain about a lack of parking at the town's commuter-rail stations, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major has suggested taking people by bus from the lot at Faith Lutheran Church to the Ballardvale station. The proposal could add parking spaces for 20 to 50 cars, depending on church use of the lot.

commute via rail. Being an honorable man (and fearing that Andover might tow an out-of-towner) he joined myself and others traveling along River Street for our adventure on Route 93.

I would like to ask that Andover's Board of Selectmen reconsider its

stance on the expansion of commuter rail parking, as the lack of parking increases the unnecessary trips and traffic through our fair town in pursuit of a parking space.

Dorothy M. Winn
40C Washington Park Drive

antique-look brick more affordable for homeowners," advertising supplement, Jan. 18, p. 16A.)

Here, you see, is the problem. If it is "new" and "machine-molded," how can it be an antique? "Antique-like" I understand or even "antique-style." Better yet, call a spade a spade and refer to it as a "reproduction."

Had this little error appeared once in the article, I'd have simply been annoyed for a few seconds and then gone on with my life. However, the offending

phrase was repeated no less than six times during the course of the article, battering the reader into submission.

I suggest in future that the editors of the *Townsmen* and all its publications actually read these canned articles they cut and paste into the insert sections and "just say no" to marketing double-speak (or, alternatively, refuse to print quotations from Virginians like this Tom Perry who, as "vice president, marketing, Brick Industry Association, Reston, Va.," probably just cannot help himself).

As far as I'm concerned, antique brick is antique brick. "Machine-molded antique brick... now being produced by mechanically dumping the raw material into brick-shaped mold boxes" is not. Tom Perry should be forced to take his articles about brick elsewhere. We speak English here in Andover.

Pauline Flanagan
48 Gray Road

(Ed. note: The editorial staff of the *Townsmen* does not oversee the production of advertising supplements.)

Many of town's 'affordable homes' go for market rate

(Continued from page 5)

in the late '80s and early '90s, we're at the 9-to-10-percent mark," says Haynes. "Now we are in a position to continue to increase affordable housing, but on our own terms."

Beyond the numbers

As to the subjective question of whether Andover is really meeting its need for affordable housing, Colyer suggests taking state data with a grain of salt, because of the various standards used to determine "affordable housing."

"In certain subsidy programs," he says, "because of the way the subsidy operates, if the subsidy touches every

unit in the project, all the units are counted" toward the affordability benchmark. In certain developments with affordable components, he says, specific units are not designated "affordable"; rather, a certain percentage of renters must meet the income qualifications (below 60 percent of the area median income qualifies as low income, and from 60 to 80 percent qualifies as moderate income), but they may live in any unit.

Because of this, while only 55 of the 220 units in Riverview Commons on Bulfinch Drive are subsidized, all 220 units count toward Andover's affordability total. While 42 of

the 168 units in Brookside Estates on River Road are subsidized, all 168 are counted. This counting method artificially inflates Andover's 9.03 percentage, says Colyer.

"If you're trying to address housing needs in the real world, that 10 percent doesn't mean anything," he says.

Other housing officials agree.

"Andover probably does have more affordable housing than some other towns, but a lot of it is directed toward seniors and disabled, not families," says Andover Housing Authority Director Christine Metzemaekers. The AHA oversees five affordable housing

sites in Andover, all of whose units are entirely subsidized, but Metzemaekers says that four of them are for the elderly, and only one, Memorial Circle, is for families.

"We have had to close our family waiting list, because we can't possibly help these people," she says. She says 600 families currently have applications on file for the 56 units at Memorial Circle, which is full.

"Right now it's the middle-income families that are locked out of housing in Andover," says Colyer, and Metzemaekers agrees. Both point to federal programs, such as Section 8 housing

vouchers, that are available to low-income families but not to middle-income people. They also cite the high cost of land in Andover.

"The biggest impediment is land acquisition for people of modest means moving to town," says Metzemaekers. "The last time we had anything built by the housing authority was in 1982," she says, because of difficulty obtaining land.

"Even people we're giving vouchers to are having a hard time, because there isn't enough housing," she says. "I can't emphasize that enough. People have to live somewhere."

With move, Bancroft, Shawsheen will seek new principals

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"We need a key person to oversee construction, decisions, and staffing," Bach said.

McCarthy fits the bill.

At 53, she has been principal at Bancroft for the past six years and called the new job a "wonderful professional opportunity."

"I'm honored that I will be principal of her (Bach's) flagship school. I have always enjoyed middle school, but I will certainly miss Bancroft. It will not be easy to leave the great students, staff, and parents," said McCarthy, who has middle-school principal experience. She was principal of Lawrence's Oliver School, a kindergarten-to-grade 8 school, for eight years before coming to Andover.

Being teamed with O'Brien is a flashback of sorts. O'Brien, 53, was assistant principal at Bancroft before getting the principal job at Shawsheen

School last summer.

"I'm not excited, I am honored to have the opportunity to be principal of a new school opening in Andover," said O'Brien. "Norah and I worked together for two years at Bancroft. We feel privileged and honored to be together again in the new school."

The two principals are good friends but Bach said that had no bearing on her decision. "These two women are personally close, but my decision was not made solely on that. They are two strong leaders, and were the best selection. They are a proven team," Bach said.

Bach told school administrators early last month about the two job openings. Several applied, and she conducted interviews. She said the School Committee supported her plan to conduct the interviews.

Typically, search committees made of teachers and parents are involved in the process

of hiring school principals and they make a recommendation to the school superintendent for a hiring. But Bach said the new school "has no community yet."

"This was a unique circumstance. The plan was, we start the process in-house and would look elsewhere if we didn't find anyone," Bach said.

She acknowledged that this transition time at Bancroft and especially Shawsheen, where O'Brien has been at the helm for only a year, will be difficult for staff and parents. "I labored long and hard over my decision regarding Shawsheen," Bach said.

She noted that the new school will ease the overcrowding at all elementary and middle schools. "Finally, schools will be at the capacity they need to be once the new school opens," Bach said.

She also said the job for a new principal at Bancroft will



Current Shawsheen principal Brenda O'Brien will move to become principal of the new elementary school in July, 2002, as it gets set to open.

be posted in the next few weeks, while the principal job at Shawsheen will be posted at this time next year.



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She'll be reunited with current Bancroft principal Norah McCarthy, who will move to the new schools in July to help with decisions during the construction process. McCarthy and O'Brien worked together when O'Brien served as Bancroft assistant principal.

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Education

Students looking for summer opportunities can attend PA fair

By Adam Groff

Trish Delude spent part of her summer last year staying with a Navajo medicine man in Colorado. He – and his sweat lodges – made an impression.

"They get incredibly hot," she says of the lodges. "And all you have to cool you off is a branch of wet sage. The smell is really strong."

At night the shaman told stories.

"He was a really traditional guy," says Delude. "We slept out on his back porch, and each night he would tell us a different story about his people and how they were made – their creation story."

Then there was the hiking and whitewater rafting. It was all part of Delude's participation in a three-week summer program with Onshore Off-shore Expeditions of Durango, Colo. Delude, who lives on Old School House Road and is a sophomore this year at



Trish Delude

Lawrence Academy in Groton, heard about the program through the Summer Opportunities Fair at Phillips Academy.

The 11th annual Summer Opportunities Fair will be held this year on Sunday, Feb. 4 in the PA Dining Hall on Salem Street between noon and 3 p.m. The fair is organized by the

Merrimack Valley Andover Association, the organization of the parents of Phillips Academy day students, in conjunction with the PA Summer Opportunities Office.

"It's a fair which is run on the campus of Phillips Academy, but it's for the benefit of the surrounding towns," said MVAA vice president Mary Kelleher. The event, geared toward students age 12 through college-age, is free and open to the public; exhibitors pay to set up a table, and the money goes toward grants to help PA students set up extracurricular student organizations. This year, a record 67 exhibitors will set up tables advertising summer opportunities ranging from academic enrichment to community service to outdoor adventure to theater, music, and art. Fifteen more organizations are sending literature.

If students don't like the sound of the University of Ver-



Molly Klarman

mont Discover Engineering and Math program, they might be intrigued by one called Where There Be Dragons. Or they could check out the Paris Seminar. Or the National Alpine Ski Camp. Or Wilderness Ventures.

Molly Klarman, a junior at Andover High School, spent 26 days in Colorado last summer

with Deer Hill Expeditions, a company that advertises "wilderness, service, and cross-cultural programs in the American Southwest and Alaska." According to Klarman, it delivered. She says her group, composed of 16 kids from around the country, and some from France, spent the first week backpacking in the canyons of Utah.

"We didn't see anyone but us for a whole week," she says.

Following that, they drove to a Hopi Indian reservation in Arizona, where, Klarman says, they built a wall for the local residents around a basketball court. The cultural differences of the Hopi made an impression on her.

"The things they cared about were so different," she said. "They only went shopping like once a year."

Both Klarman and Delude say they made good friends last summer, with whom

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School nurses recognized for their expanded role in education

By Adam Groff

Yesterday, Wednesday, was School Nurse Day, and nurses from Andover and other local communities were scheduled to be recognized after *Townsmen* deadline at a dinner in Middleton sponsored by the local district of the Massachusetts School Nurse Association.

"The day is meant to honor school nurses and their role in the educational process," said Barbara Whiteside, program

head for health services of Andover public schools. "As school nurses, we're responsible for keeping the children in school."

She says that in her own 22 years as a school nurse, the job has expanded considerably.

"Today, sometimes both parents work, and they can't stay home," she said, "and we see some kids coming to school who aren't in tip-top shape. You used to be able to depend on someone being at home."



She also said she has seen an increase in child health problems, including a noticeable increase in students with

asthma. **◀ Barbara Whiteside tests a student's hearing.** File photo

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The nursing staff in Andover schools consists of four registered nurses, five licensed practical nurses, and two health assistants. There is an LPN in each elementary school, and Whiteside visits a different school each day of the week.

She said that in addition to caring for students, all the

school nurses also conduct informational briefings from time to time to instruct the rest of the school staff on the functioning of medical devices that students might need to use, such as asthma inhalers.

School Nurse Day is normally on the last Wednesday in January. Whiteside said that the principal in each school recognizes the nurses during announcements, and some students give them cards and gifts.

SCHOOL TALK

The annual Andover High School talent show is Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call Martha Lindsay at 475-1648.

Andover's integrated pre-school will hold an open house on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Shawsheen School's cafeteria.

The brief, informational meeting and tour is for children turning 3 before Sept. 1. All applications must be completed and returned no later than Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Applicants are required to participate in a brief (about 30 minutes) informal screening that will be scheduled on that day.

For more information, call Donna Zaleski at 623-

8854.

The Andover High Counseling Department invites parents of juniors to attend the first session of "Choice, Not Chance," a comprehensive program for parents on the college selection and application process, on Monday, Feb. 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held in the Collins Center.

"Choice, Not Chance" provides parents with everything they need to know about finding resources, visiting colleges, narrowing choices, and beginning the application process. In the first session, parents will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of senior parents and learn how to target the best resources for beginning the college search.

Counselors will also discuss college admissions

criteria and address parent questions and concerns. Additional sessions will be offered March 5 and 26.

For more information, contact Allison Brown Collins, counseling department program adviser, at 623-8602.

The Andover High School Marching Band will hold a fundraiser at Papa Gino's at Shawsheen Plaza on Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 28. Proceeds of the fundraiser will help the band attend the Annapolis Classic Music Festival in Annapolis, Md., April 27-30.

Papa Gino's has a new procedure for fundraisers it sponsors. To be credited for sales, a flyer must accompany each order. Those wishing to help are asked to e-mail the band at <AHSMBWGWP@aol.com> to request a flyer, and one will be e-mailed back.

ON CAMPUS

Sara Pendergast of Andover studied in Washington, D.C. during the fall semester as part of the 14-week Boston University Washington Internship Program.

She worked as a full-time intern, taking classes with government experts who hold adjunct appointments at Boston University.

Students may choose to intern on Capitol Hill for members of Congress or congressional committees, or for lobbying groups, legal offices, news bureaus, and other organizations.

Pendergast is a senior majoring in international relations. She is a 1997 graduate of Andover High School and is the daughter of David and Suzi Pendergast of Seten Circle.

Andrea Pepin of Andover has been awarded two scholarships at Northern Essex Community College, where she is a dental assistant major.

Pepin, a Haverhill High School graduate, was awarded the Dr. Bill Gemmel Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. John D. Doykos III Scholarship. Both scholarships are given in recognition of academic achievement and distinctive contributions to the college, the community, or both.

She is the wife of Thomas Pepin and the mother of two children, Stephanie, 7, and Russell, 6.

Stephanie L. Pierce of Andover is one of 144 students admitted for early-decision admission to Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Pierce is scheduled to enroll in the fall,

following her graduation from Andover High School.

At Andover High School, she has been active in SADD and National Honor Society and served as captain of the track team.

She is the daughter of Roger C. Pierce Jr. and Judith D. Pierce of Andover.

Elizabeth S. Bigelow, a 1999 graduate of Andover High School, has been named to the



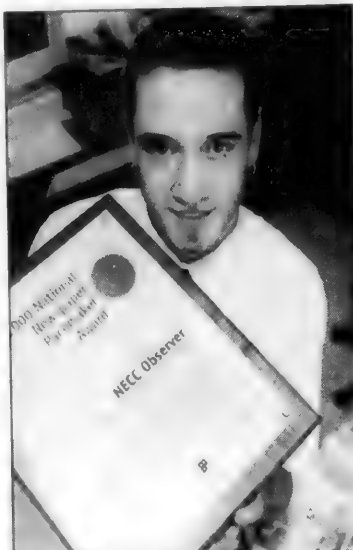
Elizabeth S. Bigelow

National Dean's List honoring America's outstanding college students. She is in her second year at Trinity College, where she is an engineering

major. She is also an engineering intern at Genetics Institute for the past two summers. She is the daughter of Jack and Bette Bigelow of 10 Wabanaki Way.

Sara Tuman, a Union College junior psychology major, is participating in the college's winter exchange program in Mexico. Tuman, a resident of 63 High Plain Road, is a 1998 graduate of Andover High School.

During their time in Mexico, students study in Cuernavaca. Students study modern Spanish with an emphasis on speaking and writing, as well as topics in Mexican civilization, culture and theater.



Peter Edgerley

Northern Essex Community College's newspaper, *The NECC Observer*, has been awarded its 10th Pacemaker Award for making outstanding strides in college-based journalism. Observer editor **Camille Ducey**, of Andover, was saluted by the newspaper's adviser for "striving to inform and entertain in a manner which places them with the best student journalists in the country."

Peter Edgerley, also of Andover, was also honored. He is editor of the "Impulse" section of the paper.

Jamie Gail Lipman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Lipman of Andover, recently participated in the UTRA program at Brown University.

She served as a summer research assistant to Professor of Chemistry David Cane, working on a project entitled "The Mechanism of Formation of Vitamin B6."

The Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistantships (UTRA) program is designed to provide students with opportunities to work closely in research situations with faculty members, to participate integrally in the process of course development and revision, and to experience the work of college teaching directly.

Lipman, a senior majoring in biochemistry, was recently named a peer academic adviser in the Meiklejohn program, which helps first-year students with their academic planning.

Erin Croteau, daughter of Justine and Bob Croteau of Sweetbriar Lane, has been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Golden Key is a national academic honor society formed to recognize and encourage outstanding scholastic achievement in all fields of study. Membership is by invitation to juniors and seniors who have maintained at least a 3.5 cumulative average on a four-point scale.

Croteau is a junior majoring in journalism and Spanish. She graduated from Andover High School in 1998.

Stephen F. Dietz, a Dartmouth College junior from Andover, is studying German in Berlin, Germany this fall as part of the college's foreign study program there. Dietz is the son of Katherine and David Dietz of Andover.

Christopher J. Cordima of Andover, has been initiated into Gettysburg College's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national society that honors academic excellence during a student's first year in college.

Alpha Lambda Delta has 227 chapters throughout the nation, and more than 600,000 students have been initiated. Its purpose is to encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year in institutions of higher education.

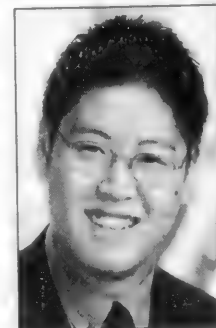
Shannon B. Gardner of Tewksbury Street recently graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. She earned a bachelor's degree in consumer and family science.

Carol McDonough of Andover, a professor of economics at UMass Lowell, and David Lewis, also of Andover, a

professor of business management, were among 38 teachers recently honored by the University with a Departmental Teaching Award. All honorees were presented with certificates at a reception hosted by the Faculty Teaching Center.

Abbey Kate Goldstein, daughter of Dr. Janice and Gary Goldstein of Andover, is on the fall dean's list at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Michael Huang of 10 Nicoll Drive, recently attended the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC). Selected for exemplary performance in the classroom and an interest in leadership, Huang attended the inauguration of President George W. Bush.



Michael Huang

PYIC is open exclusively to alumni of Congressional Youth

Leadership Council (CYLC) programs. In addition to the buzz and fanfare associated with the historic event, students participated in a reality-based simulation to explore the electoral process and various campaign strategies. In this activity, students assume roles vital to a campaign.

Kolleen Cronin of 19 Enmore St., is on the fall dean's list at Syracuse University. She is a senior majoring in sociology.

Julie Beth Litzenger, daughter of Anne Litzenger of Andover and the late Leonard Litzenger, has been accepted membership in Golden Key National Honor Society at Tufts University.

Litzenger is a 1998 graduate of Andover High School and is also a member of the Society of Women Engineers, PEER

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◀ At a recent awards ceremony at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., **Shannon T. Kelley** of Andover was awarded the Attorney General's highest achievement award by outgoing Attorney General Janet Reno. Kelley was recognized for her efforts as a paralegal for the U.S. Justice Department. She worked on the largest global settlement ever in a health care fraud case. Kelley is a Phillips Academy graduate and also graduated from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. She is currently pursuing a law degree at American University Law School in Washington, D.C. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Kelley of William Street.

LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Jan. 29-Feb. 2:

Elementary schools

Monday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, slice of pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, and milk.

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken with mashed potato, hot dogs on a roll, nachos with cheese, hash brown, applesauce, and milk.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, cranberry sauce, green beans, Jello, and milk.

Thursday: chicken McSchool, french toast with sausage, hamburger on a roll, potato puffs, peaches, and milk. (Lucky Tray Day.)

Friday: Mozzarella sticks with sauce, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, peas, chocolate pudding, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Barbecue chicken with mashed potato, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, and milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes with sausage, two hot dogs on a roll, stuffed crust pizza with salad, hash brown, applesauce, and milk. (Lucky Tray Day.)

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, cranberry sauce, green beans, Jello, and milk.

Thursday: Raviolis, Chicken McSchool, hamburger on roll, potato puffs, peaches, and milk.

Friday: Nachos with cheese, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, peas, pears, chocolate pudding, and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Chocolate chip pancakes with sausages, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, hash browns, fresh fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Fish and chips, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, salad, fresh fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Two tacos with rice, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, salad, corn, peaches, Jello, and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue chicken with potato, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie, pudding, and milk.

Friday: Two-toasted cheese sandwiches, rotini with garlic and butter sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggies, and milk.

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ON CAMPUS

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Academic Leader for incoming freshmen, involved with cancer outreach, and co-captain of the rigby club.

Jacquelyn Marie White, daughter of Debra Blouin of Juliette Street and James White of Main Street, achieved summa cum laude status at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., earning a 3.9 grade point average.

A junior majoring in history, White plans to be a high school teacher.

Andover students on the Johnson & Wales University fall term dean's list

are **Elizabeth Collins**, 12 Starr Avenue East, who majors in fashion merchandising, and **Eliot Sykes**, 10 Old Campus Road, who majors in food marketing.

Jacob Simon Berman, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Berman of Andover, is a peer academic adviser in the 2000-2001 Meiklejohn program at Brown University. The program serves to aid first year students in their academic planning. Meiklejohn Advisors are chosen from a pool of applicants based on their knowledge of the Brown curriculum and their ability to relate to beginning students. Berman is a first-semester junior at Brown, concentrating in history.

The following students from Andover are attending Syracuse University:

Casey Russo of 5 Linda Road; **David Shepperd** of 37 Bailey Road; **Adam Spiller** of 19 Tilton Lane; and **James-Michael Checrallah** of 11 Countryside Way.

Recent graduates of Northeastern University who live in Andover include **Sheriss Asberry** of 26 Boutwell Road and **David E. Williamson** of 77 Main St.

Four students from Andover were among 250 eighth- and 9th-graders who participated in "Space and Astronomy Day," sponsored by Boston University and Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth. During the day-long program held Nov. 19 at Boston University, students explored aspects of space and astronomy through talks and work-

shops led by space scientists and researchers. Students examined scientific topics, such as prisms and spectroscopy and rocket propulsion, through hands-on experiments. Local participants were **Chris Herlich**, an eighth-grader at Doherty Middle School; **Daniel LeClerc**, an eighth-grader at West Middle; and **Sara Helmers** and **Katherine Nelson**, both eighth-graders at Pike School.

Jeremy Ches of Andover was a member of the Wake Forest University School of Law National Moot court team that won the Region IV competition recently held at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

There were 21 teams from 11 schools in the competition.

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News

Feb. 1 deadline nears for foundation, other work to be complete

Safety center construction: Town impatient with contractor

By Rebecca Piro

Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi says that his patience is wearing thin with public safety center-general contractor Mello Construction, which he says has let the project slip two months behind schedule. But Carlos Mello, company president, disagrees, arguing that officials are responsible for the delays.

One month ago, Piantedosi told the *Townsmen* that the center's progress was slow, due to the number workers on site and site challenges. He met with the contractor back in December to confront these issues, and Mello promised to bring the project back up to speed, instating a Feb. 1 deadline by which the foundations - among other things - would be completed.

With only a few days remaining before Mello's self-imposed deadline runs out, Piantedosi said that the contractor had made "a little progress." He is not sure whether Mello will meet its deadline, but he says the contract requires that he give Mello the benefit of the doubt.

In the meantime, Piantedosi has gone a step further since the December meeting and put his dissatisfaction in writing.

"(We) put in notice in writing that we are unhappy with his performance and

that we are going to continue to monitor it very carefully, and we hope to see an improvement," says Piantedosi.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says he does not understand why Mello is falling behind when Callahan & Sons, the contractor for the new schools project that broke ground one week before the safety center, is right on schedule.

"What is frustrating for me (is that) they both started within a week of each other, and the school project is way ahead of the public safety center," Stapczynski says.

But contractor President Carlos Mello says that those accusations are unfair.

"Mello is also unhappy (with) the way that things have been going," he says. "Everyone has the tendency to put the blame (on the contractor), but there are numerous

issues out of the (contractor's control)."

Mello declined to outline those issues, saying "it's not a good way to do things," but says that the town delayed the signing of the contract, which is what put Mello months behind and pushed it into the winter season before it had poured the foundation.

"It took over two months to sign the contract, (the town) added terms of conditions, and now we're dealing with winter conditions that we shouldn't



Joe Piantedosi:
Monitoring the situation



Photo by Tim Jean

Andover officials say they "hope to see improvement" in the amount of work completed by Mello construction workers, who are working on the public safety center job in the downtown area.

have to," he says.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski disagrees. "The contract was signed in September. The groundbreaking was in October. We had a very mild fall. There was plenty of time to... get cracking on the job," he says.

Despite the delays, Mello says his company plans to continue working to make up the two months they lost and still hit the September 2002 deadline.

While Piantedosi isn't sure that's

likely, he says there is no easy way out of the contract if Mello continues to fall below expectations. "There's not a black-and-white answer to this," he says. "(Our actions) will be based on what (Mello) does between now and Feb. 1."

"If they want to take any legal position, they'll have to deal with the consequences," Mello says. "Mello is within the contract terms."

Selectmen candidates: Incumbent Becker out, five others in

By Rebecca Piro

As one selectman announced last week that she was bowing out of the political picture, three more potential candidates took the first step towards accepting the challenge.

Selectman Lori Becker has declared that she will not run for a second term this spring. She says that she wants to create more personal time for herself.

"I've been traveling a lot, and I want to do more," says Becker, who has family scattered as far as Arizona. Between her store on Main Street, which she gave up almost a year ago, and her three years as selectman, Becker says she was "really tied down."

Along with her town responsibilities, Becker has worked at GTS Publishing in Boston for several months. She intends to pursue that job, as well as look for more volunteering opportunities in Andover.

She says she really won't miss her selectman position. "I didn't realize how much I'd become involved," she says. "But it's been a good experience overall."

As of Wednesday, *Townsmen* press time, five people had taken out papers for

the two open selectmen slots. Only one individual, Tim McCarron, has returned those papers. Mark Bernardin, Ray Hender, William Harvey and incumbent John Hess, whose term expires this spring, have yet to turn in their paperwork.

Bernardin, a two-year resident of Andover, would like to stabilize the town's spending, increase low-income housing, and work towards a change in town government. "I understand the attachment we have to the Town Meeting form of government, but I'm just not sure



Lori Becker:
Ready to leave, travel more

it's the best way to run a town," he says. "Maybe we could have a more representative form of government where all representatives have to agree that a project is important enough to warrant spending (a large) amount of money on it."

attorney who lives on Elm Street with his wife and three-year-old daughter.

William Harvey, a single resident of Lewis Street, a house painter and a substitute teacher in Andover, says he plans to represent the younger generation by running for selectman. He wants to become more active in the town where he grew up. "I'm really interested in becoming involved in government so that we can preserve the land we have left," he says. "Andover is reaching a saturation point. I want to keep... its character."

The structure of education in Andover needs some work, says Harvey. "I was a substitute teacher in Andover. There were a lot of teachers there doing a good job, but the kids aren't left a lot of room for free thinking. There is too much emphasis on making money, and not thinking for themselves."



Ray Hender:
One of five ready to start

Potential candidate Ray Hender, a Millstone Circle resident, says that integrity, one of his biggest selling points, would make him a good selectman. "I like to get it right, get it done and be truthful about it," he says.

Hender says he has developed a "strong background in business and finance" through his former work with mutual funds, from which he retired in 1997. Since then, he has spent his time getting acquainted with residents and issues. He is married, father to a 15-year-old son and a member of the new schools building committee.

Hender wants to sustain the town's recently-acquired Aaa rating from Moody's, maintain the level of public-safety, health and welfare services, and keep the downtown viable. But those goals could mean that residents will have to pay more, he says. "It's going to cost. But I think people have to be willing to pay for the level of services they expect," he says. "And in this town, most of the people can afford it. The spending needs to be prudent, but commensurate with the demand."

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Relative to Andover's socioeconomic status

Report: Town's pollution level high

By Adam Groff

A report from Northeastern University showing that poor and high-minority communities in the state are likely to bear a disproportionate level of environmental burdens also shows that Andover is more environmentally burdened than its socioeconomic status might suggest.

Northeastern sociology professor Daniel Faber released his study "Unequal Exposure to Ecological Hazards: Environmental Injustice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" on Jan. 9.

Accompanying the report are two different rankings of 368 towns and cities in the state. Points were assigned to towns based on the presence of hazardous facilities or sites, ranging from power plants to municipal incinerators to landfills to tire piles. Then, communities were ranked based on how "intensively" they are burdened, based on points per square mile, and how "extensively" they are burdened, based simply on total points. The latter is considered a rougher measure, because it does not adjust for the size of the community.

The city of Boston ranked first on both lists. In the Merrimack Valley, Lawrence ranked 14th in points per square mile, and 21st in total points. Both Boston and Lawrence were classified as "low income" and "high minority population" towns.

Andover, which is qualified as "high income" and "low to moderate minority population" ranked 112th in points per square mile, placing it in the top third of the state, and 56th in total points, placing it in the top 15 percent.



Photo by Tim Jean

Exposed — The number of industrial facilities in the Merrimack Valley helped cause Andover to collect more exposure "points" than other high-income suburban communities in a recent environmental report.

"This just shows that Andover doesn't live in isolation," said Sheryl Poole, head of Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment. "Pollution knows no boundaries. You have to take a regional perspective."

One of the report's conclusions is that "the communities most heavily burdened with environmentally hazardous industrial facilities and sites are overwhelmingly low-income towns and/or communities of color." But Poole suggested that the discussion about pollution burdens need not be restricted to minority and low-income populations.

"Environmental justice principles need to apply to everyone," she said. "No group should suffer disproportionate environmental burdens."

Faber's report and the accompanying town rankings can be found on the Environmental League of Massachusetts Web site at www.environmentalleague.org.



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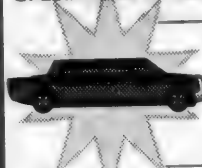
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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Jan. 18 - At 10:16 p.m., Raymond Herbert, 32, of 397 River Road, was arrested and charged with violating a restraining order.

Friday, Jan. 19 - At 2:49 a.m., police arrested Christian Padilla, 22, of 11 Partridge St., Methuen, and charged him with larceny in a building, using a motor vehicle in a conspiracy to commit a

felony, and breaking and entering a building at night with the intent to commit a felony. Padilla was arrested at the Wyndham Hotel after an employee reported that two kids were running around the outside of the building and setting off car alarms. The kids entered the building through the fire escape, said the employee. David Deziel, 21, of 20 Cox Lane, Methuen, ran from police on foot

but was soon apprehended, arrested and charged with larceny in a building, conspiracy to commit a felony, and breaking and entering a building at night with the intent to commit a felony.

Friday, Jan. 19 - At 10:24 a.m., Steven Malcher, 30, of 992 Dothan Road, White River Junction, Vt., and Robert Hutt, 34, of 1 Pine St., Lebanon, N.H., were arrested and charged with illegally possessing

a Class A drug with intent to distribute, trafficking in cocaine and possessing a hypodermic syringe.

At 3:07 p.m., Jamal Livingston, 28, of 4 Centry Lane, Litchfield, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for possession of cocaine. Lee Bozek, 38, of 13 Market St., Newburyport, was also arrested and charged with illegal possession of a Class B substance.

Sunday, Jan. 21 - At 11:26 p.m.,

Kalil Landers, 20, of 63 Old Andover Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged with driving after the right to drive was suspended, speeding and giving a false name to a police officer.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 - At 6:09 p.m., John Pappas, 23, of 74 Warren St., Medford, and Craig Hunt, 23, of 164 Chester Ave., Chelsea, were arrested and charged with distrib-

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Firefighters welcomed home a fire engine and a brand new ambulance last week, two months after an accident on Lowell Street left Andover one ambulance short.

Icy conditions on Sunday, Nov. 26 caused an ambulance and a ladder truck to slide off the road while responding to a car accident on Lowell Street, Fire Chief Chuck Murnane had said. No one was hurt in the collision, but the ambulance was "totaled," he said, and the ladder truck barely limped back to the station.

Down to the minimum on rescue apparatus, Murnane immediately began a search for another ambulance — which can take more than a year to custom build — and he sent the engine to Attleboro, Mass. for repairs. In the meantime, Andover firefighters borrowed one of North Andover's ambulances for emergencies, and the department scraped by with its own spare fire truck.

Recently, the town located a demonstration ambulance in Ohio for sale for \$136,000.

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Town still trains for ice rescues — just in case

There's nothing quite like the fearful sensation of falling through thin ice, says Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. That's why his rescue crews trek out to Haggetts Pond winter after winter to plunge into the icy waters and practice pulling each other out again.

Ice rescue training is an annual event for all four units of the fire department, he says. Crews pack up their red protective suits, a chain saw (for cutting through the ice, if necessary) and they teeter out on the thinnest ice they can find.

While most emergency ice calls have been for pets, the fire department always responds to the scene with a complete rescue crew, says Murnane.

"Even though you're res-

cuing a pet, you also have a (rescuer) in danger," he says. "When we send a person out, we send backups and (more) backups."

"It's really strenuous to go out and rescue someone," says Deputy Chief James Lynch, describing the difficulty of maneuvering inside a protective suit and fighting the cold water. "By the time you get back you're exhausted."

But rescuers take the time to practice so that they are prepared when accidents do happen, says Lynch. "If you ever do get an animal out on the ice, don't go out (on the ice) — call us."

Despite the cold water and the nature of the event, ice rescue training isn't all bad, says Lynch.



Photo by Tim Jean

With John DiZoglio, Firefighter Stephen Stabile signals to the shore crew that Dep. Richard Hartman is out of the ice, during a recent training exercise.

"It's a fun day," he says, swimming at Haggetts Pond and it's 22 degrees outside." everyone that we went — Rebecca Piro

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POLICE

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uting a Class A substance, illegally possessing a Class A substance, conspiring to violate a controlled substance, and possessing a hypodermic syringe. Hunt was also charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.

At 10:31 p.m., police took a 38-year-old Andover male into protective custody for intoxication.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 17 - At 3:53 p.m., a person reported that they had lost their cell phone at Dundee Park.

At 4:33 p.m., EMTs reported to a Cheever Circle residence where a 3-year-old child

had been hit in the head with a shovel. The child's injuries did not require hospital treatment.

Thursday, Jan. 18 - At 3:56 p.m., a human-resources employee on Federal Street reported receiving threats over the phone from an ex-employee.

At 6:35 p.m., a caller reported that a group of kids were standing at Elm Square

singing rap and using vulgar language. An officer told the kids to move along.

At 6:47 p.m., a Sutherland Street resident reported that when she answered her phone earlier, it had sounded like someone else in the house also picked up. She requested that an officer search the house with her to look for unwanted guests. An officer complied, but did not find

anything.

Friday, Jan. 19 - At 12:32 a.m., a caller reported a verbal argument between a mother and daughter by the dumpsters on Memorial Circle.

At 3:20 p.m., a Carter Lane resident reported that her son had witnessed drug activity on his bus route.

Saturday, Jan. 20 - At 10:28 p.m., an Ashford Lane resident reported that their 20-year-old babysitter had received threatening phone calls at their house. An officer was to speak with the babysitter.

Sunday, Jan. 21 - At 11:51 a.m., an Abbot Street resident locked herself out of the house while outside shoveling snow. An officer responding to the house was able to get the female back inside.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 - At 6:42 p.m., a manager at the Ramada Hotel reported that a guest had not paid his bill and became belligerent when asked to leave. An Andover Cab driver picked up the guest, who left the hotel.

At 8:35 p.m., an Osgood Street resident reported a turkey in the middle of the road. A responding officer reported being unable to locate the turkey.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Jan. 17 - At 1:12 p.m., a Brechin

Terrace resident reported that his home had been broken into.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 17 - At 12:56 p.m., a caller reported that a child was locked inside a car at the YMCA. A responding officer got the car door open.

At 5:11 p.m., a female reported that her car window had been smashed open and her CD player, as well as CDs, were stolen.

Friday, Jan. 19 - At 6:55 p.m., a caller reported that a deer had been struck by a car on Jenkins Road. The driver was not injured, but the deer was killed.

Monday, Jan. 22 - At 2:10 p.m., a male reported that someone broke into his car and stole his leather jacket which had prescription drugs inside the pocket.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 18 - At 8:33 a.m., a vehicle rolled over on Interstate 93 South. No one was injured in the accident.

Friday, Jan. 19 - At 6:14 p.m., three vehicles collided on Lupine Road due to icy conditions. No one was injured in the accident.

VANDALISM

No cases of vandalism were reported this week.



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The town paid a \$500 deductible for the insurance and will pay only \$74,500 for that ambulance after insurance payments, said Purchasing Agent Elaine Shola. The new ambulance, bigger in size and striped differently than most Massachusetts ambulances, rolled up the driveway last week.

"The (town) plans ahead so that if something like this happens, they will have the funds to make it right," Murnane said. "This was an emergency. It is a compliment to the town that we can do that."

The ladder truck came back to town Friday, after its \$11,659 in damages was completely covered by insurance. The deductible and the ambulance costs came out of a \$200,000 fund the town sets aside to cover such emergencies, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. Nothing was cut from the fire department's budget to make up for the costs.

"It was a happy reunion," said Murnane. "Now the guys are very careful going out in (the vehicles)."

— Rebecca Piro

Arts & Entertainment

Sundance version comes local...

Merrimack premiering film festival, video competition next month

By Judy Wakefield

Budding videographers and filmmakers now have a chance to showcase their film projects locally.

Merrimack College is hosting its first film and video competition next month. This announcement comes about 13 months after the college tested the waters for such a festival by hosting the Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour in December of 1999.

Organizers are calling the inaugural Merrimack film festival a first step in the college's

plan to beef up the fine arts curriculum. The college has will host the event at the Rogers Center for the Arts.

"We're starting small but we hope this will be like the Sundance Film Festival," said Peter Waldron, arts program director at Merrimack, who was referring to the popular independent film festival held in Utah every year. "I get a lot of e-mails from people dabbling in the video productions. There are a lot of people embracing video as a means of expression."

Those folks are asked to submit original video productions to Waldron by Friday, Feb. 23. A panel of judges, made up of faculty and staff, will select winners in these categories: best short video, best animated or experimental video, best music video, and best documentary or docudrama. Winners will be announced March 15 and honored at a reception. There is no entry fee. In fact, the entire event is free and open to the public, Waldron said.

"We hope students, especial-

ly high-school students who are beginning to think of future careers in video and film production, will take up this challenge," Waldron said.

Officially, the name of the festival is the Tambakos Film Festival, named in honor of Demosthenes Peter Tambakos, a 1974 Merrimack College graduate who was an aspiring screenwriter at the time of his accidental death.

Tambakos' friend, George Furth, a Tony-award-winning playwright/actor, has established a substantial endowment at Merrimack in his honor. In addition, Furth has also donated an extensive film collection to the college in memory of Tambakos.

"George wanted to do something special for Peter. He (George) is very well-known

and has collaborated with Steven Sondheim and others. He is a major player," Waldron said, adding that actress Annette Bening is a good friend of Furth's.

Also emerging on the fine arts scene at Merrimack is a digital media arts major that will be offered this fall as part of the graphic design degree program. Currently, courses are available in video, painting, sculpture, architecture, and music. The new focus on digital media arts will prepare students for careers in illustration and design for print and software applications, electronic games, and Web page design.

Future plans call for workshops and symposiums focusing on those areas.

Addison Gallery's 3 new exhibits include Ansel Adams photos

Reinventing the West, now showing at Phillips Academy's Addison Gallery, brings together the photographs of Ansel Adams (1902-1984) and Robert Adams (b. 1937) — two masters of 20th-century landscape photography. Juxtaposing more than 50 photographs by each artist, the exhibition explores the differences and similarities between the artists' aesthetic viewpoints and their personal responses to the American landscape. Through their photographs we can also see society's changing attitudes

towards the western landscape, and by extension, the natural world.

Ansel Adams is best known for his sharply focused, black and white landscape imagery of the American west. His photographs present a highly selective and idealized view of the natural world while combining technical mastery with dramatic composition. Employing a modernist aesthetic of crisp geometric structure and stark contrasts of light and shadow, his awe-inspiring photographs endow the landscape with a spiritual and sacred quality. A conservationist and long-time board member of the Sierra Club, Adams's mythic landscapes express his reverence for the grandeur and beauty of nature.

In contrast to the overt drama of Ansel Adams's landscapes, Robert Adams's photographs unblinkingly document the commonplace and seemingly unpicturesque elements of modern America and nature. Although initially inspired by the work of Ansel Adams, Robert Adams eventually moved from a romantic vision toward one that captured the "real" or ordinary landscape — one populated by the strip malls, power lines, and suburban housing develop-



▲ *Ridgefield*, 1913, oil on canvas, by Man Ray.

◀ *Yosemite Falls*, (no date), gelatin silver print, by Ansel Adams.

DETAILS

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ments that were becoming the "nature" that most Americans experienced. As part of the "new topographics" generation — a group of young photographers that emerged in the 1970s Robert Adams focuses on a "man-altered" landscape in which nature and industry are inextricably entwined.

Jose Bedia installation

Elson Artist-in-Residence Jose Bedia visited the campus of Phillips Academy to create a site-specific installation as part of an exhibition on view at the Addison Gallery through March 25.

Bedia draws from his interest in Afro-Cuban and Native American religions to create dramatic, gestural installations, drawings, and paintings. The exhibition at the Addison includes a series of drawings and a site-specific installation featuring an elongated, anthropomorphic deer that spans two gallery walls. Smaller figures, symbols, and text drawn from the Kongo and Lakota religions surround the central figure. A variety of materials extends the image from the wall—including dirt, chains, feathers, and a cigar.

From permanent collec-

tion: Two exhibitions from the permanent collection of the Addison Gallery of American Art highlight its history and its strength in American landscape. *The American Land: Selections from the Addison Collection* features works that have stood the test of time as monuments in American art—Winslow Homer's *The West Wind*, Alexander Wyant's *Landscape*, George Inness's *The Coming Storm*.

Foundations: Building the Addison's Collection examines the importance of gifts of artwork made to the collection over time.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 25
Andover Fly Fishers kickoff, with Jamie Worth, on large and small mouth bass fishing techniques, 7 p.m. free, Memorial Hall Library; Carolyn Fantini 475-4602.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26
Chamber music concert, 7:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; Terry Morgan 749-4263.
Live comedy, Paul

Nardizzi, Paul Keenan, Brian Apprille, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Mike Donovan, Dave Russo, Jesse Gersten, 8, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27
Family day, "Kids Life in the 1820s," 11:30 a.m.-

1:30 p.m., \$5 per family, Amos Blanchard House and Museum, 97 Main St., sponsored by Andover Historical Society; 475-2236.

Sock hop, 6:30-9 p.m., \$15 non-member families, YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.; 685-3541.

Concert, Concord Orchestra, featuring Andover High senior Lorna Tsai as violin soloist, 8 p.m., \$12-\$15, 51 Walden, Concord; (978) 369-4967.

Phillips Academy

Chamber Music Society concert, 6:30 p.m., free, Timken Room, Graves Hall, Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; Terry Morgan 749-4263.

Country, rock concert, with the band Rogue Wolf, 8 p.m., Giordano's Peppercorn Pub, Rte. 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300.

Perks Dance Music Theatre performance, 8 p.m., \$20 door, \$18 advance, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merri-

mack College; 837-5355.
Collectibles show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$2, Lions Hall, 12 Lions Ave., Hudson, N.H.; (603) 880-7528.

Concert featuring movie tunes, 7 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12, Ballard Vale United Church fellowship hall; 475-2506.

Contra dance with caller Tony Saletan, presented by The Ivy Chord, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 per person, \$15 per family, Unitarian Uni-

versalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading; (781) 944-0494.

Concert, featuring classical guitarist Carlton Kish, 7:30 p.m., freewill offering, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill; (978) 774-1050, Ext. 376.

Bean supper, 4-6:30 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12, Sacred Heart Parish, 321 So. Broadway, Lawrence; Irene 686-5712.

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SUNDAY, JAN. 28
Hike or cross-country ski, sponsored by the Andover AMC chapter, Harold Rafton Reservation, meet at 10 a.m., doughnuts, hot drinks available at pre-hike breakfast, meet at parking lot off High Plain Road at top of Bald Hill, suitable for all ages; David Dargie 454-1206.

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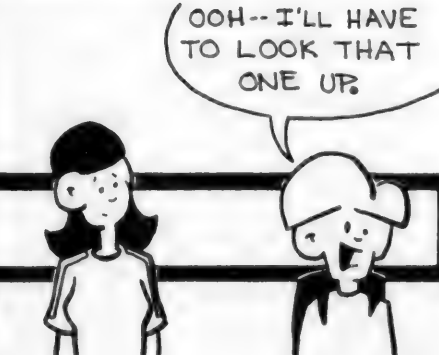
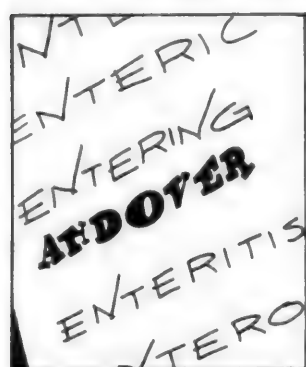
Andover Chamber Players Chamber music concert, 7:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; Terry Morgan 749-4263.

Author readings, celebrating new exhibit of writing and art by local writers, 2-4 p.m., free admission, Whistler House Museum, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978) 452-7641.

Artists reception, 2-4 p.m., featuring art works by students from Washington School of Lowell, Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St.,

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Jazz, Cassandre McKinley, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

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Film, "Jubilee Singers: Sacrifice and Glory," sponsored by Greater Lawrence Underground Railroad

Committee, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; Juliet Moford 474-0875.

Slide show by Jake Mosser, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.

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Andover Fly Fishers series, with Bob Mitchell, on bay striper fishing, 7 p.m. free, Memorial Hall Library; Carolyn Fantini 475-4602.

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U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty concert, 7:30 p.m., free, Collins Center; John Doherty 623-8218.

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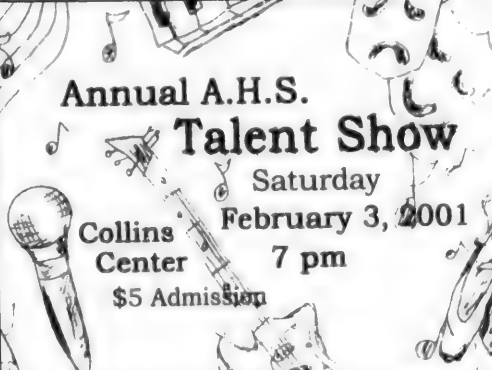
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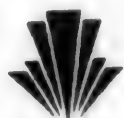
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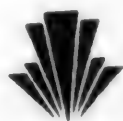
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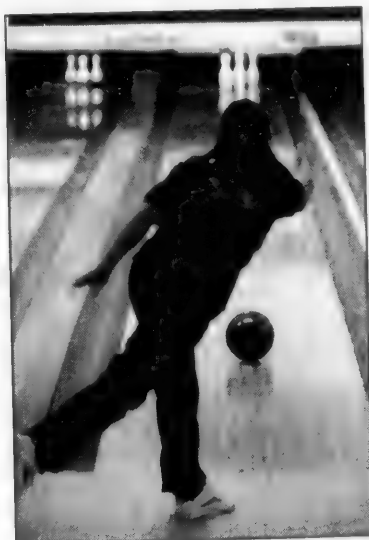
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Anne Henley
McGovern

◀ Anne Henley McGovern turned 1 year old on Jan. 14. She is the daughter of Tracy and Kevin McGovern of Lovejoy Road. Grandparents are Eleanor and John Glockner of Westfield, N.J., and Patricia McGovern of Fairfield, Conn. Annie is loved and cherished by her big brothers and sister, Patrick, 11, Betsy, 9, Michael, 7, and Jack, 3.



Jack Joseph
Murray

◀ Jack Joseph Murray celebrated his first birthday Jan. 12. He is the son of Gina and Steve Murray of Wildwood Road. Grandparents are Sharon and Joseph Caico of Lynnfield and Patricia and Hugh Murray of Winchester. Jack loves to swim, explore and break things. His favorite activity is jumping. He loves to jump everyday and all day long, they said.



Sophia Grace
Bardetti

◀ Sophia Grace Bardetti turned 1 year old Jan. 9. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Joe Bardetti of Chicago, Ill. Grandparents are Marilyn and Joseph Bardetti of Andover and Margaret and Mervin Baker of East Aurora, N.Y. Sophia loves to visit her Andover relatives, especially to play with her cousins, Taylor and Zack Hardock, and to chase after her grandad Joe's little dog, Ginger.



Mia Kathryn
Sonberg

◀ Mia Kathryn Sonberg celebrated her first birthday Jan. 5. She is the daughter of Ken and Diane Sonberg of Greybitch Road. Grandparents are Don and Ollie Sonberg of Orleans and Chris and Iris Koumantzelis of Tewksbury. Mia loves playing with her big sister, Emma, and her big brother, Justin. She is a joy to be with, they said.

Happy 1st Birthday policy

▶ Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a February 2001 first birthday will be published in the Feb. 22 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 (see box at right). The *Townsmen* publishes Births on the first Thursday of the month.

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY ~ 2001 key dates ~

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Named in honor of Andover residents

Campus center opens at Merrimack College

Merrimack College's new 130,000-square foot campus center is named in honor of Andover residents Gladys and Anthony Sakowich.

The Gladys Sakowich Campus Center, named in recognition of the commitment and long-time support of trustee Gladys Sakowich and her husband, Anthony Sakowich, was recently dedicated. Hundreds of people were on hand for the event.

"My husband Tony and I are delighted and honored to be a part of Merrimack's continued emergence among independent colleges," Ms. Sakowich said. "We feel Merrimack College is a powerful example of the

importance of strong values in a very troubled world, and that it is the largest-in-spirit small college in the US."

Ms. Sakowich has served on Merrimack's board of trustees for the past eight years. The Sakowiches have been supporters and benefactors of the college for more than a decade. They have had a keen interest in supporting financial aid efforts to assist students with their higher education.

The Sakowich Center has been under construction on the Merrimack campus since last spring and plays a central role in attracting students to the college. In thanking the Sakowiches for their continued commit-

ment to Merrimack College, President Richard J. Santagati also of Andover, said, "The entire college community is extremely grateful for their long-standing support and leadership. This facility truly sets Merrimack College apart, beyond bricks and mortar, and we are proud to have it bear the Sakowich name. It is a wonderful educational resource for our students today and will be for years to come."

The Sakowich Center includes a recreation room, a bookstore, post office, game room, various lounges, cyberlounge, fitness area, aerobics/dance studio, indoor jogging track, main dining hall,

retail dining area, computer store, the Marian Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine, and many other student organiza-

tion and service areas. Nearly 1,300 donors raised nearly \$9 million to date toward the Center's construction. More than 150 members of the Merrimack staff and faculty raised approximately \$150,000 for the fireplace lounge on the Center's first floor.

Photo by Joseph Hakey



AHS bowling team

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found in playing traditional sports like hockey or basketball. He's discovered that it is possible to get an unsuspecting finger stuck in one of the three holes used to throw the ball down the alley - and that can be particularly uncomfortable.

"I got my thumb stuck in it once. But it's a 16-pound ball. It's going to come off your hand," Cherny says.

Photo by Tim Jean

◀ Laura Cohen lets it roll.



During practice, the Pro Bowl managers are always good for a couple of pointers, says Leider. The team's supervisor, physical education teacher Wayne Puglisi - who says he hasn't bowled much - is there for moral support.

"I'm not a professional bowler," he says, laughing. His bowling average? "I have no idea."

He says he enjoys the Wednesday afternoons with the kids because it's a different activity that almost anyone can do. "I get to spend time with students I don't have in class. It gets me in touch with a different group of people," Puglisi says. "There's

skill that's involved in it, but for a player it isn't as competitive."

Dennis would like to see her bowling team grow to recognition as one of AHS' regular school sports, funded and supported by the school.

"It would be really cool if it was a real sport," she says. "Right now, you can't get a varsity letter for bowling."

Sophomore Ari Spool, who says she's tried ten-pin bowling only once before, could be a perfect candidate for a letter. She picks up a blue ball and sends it spinning down the alley to slam a perfect strike.

"You have to try something new," she says.

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OBITUARIES

Richard S. MacNeish Was director of archaeology at Phillips Academy from 1962 to 1983

Richard Stockton "Scotty" MacNeish, of Andover, an archaeologist and longtime resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 17 in Belize from injuries suffered in a car accident. He was 82.

Mr. MacNeish, who was director of archaeology at Phillips Academy in Andover from 1962 to 1983, was known for his excavations throughout the Americas. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1974.

Last April, he received the Fryxell Award from the Society for American Archaeology in recognition of his work in interdisciplinary research.

Born and raised in Eastchester, N.Y., he was educated at Colgate and the University of Chicago, from which he received a bachelor's degree in 1940, a master's degree in 1944 and a doctor of philosophy degree in 1949.

A field archaeologist, Mr. MacNeish began working in excavation in central New York, Monument Valley, Ariz., and northeast Mexico, as well as at sites in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

In 1949, he became senior archaeologist at the National Museum of Canada and over the next dozen years directed fieldwork from the Maritimes to the Yukon. He also served as chairman of the department of archaeology at the University of Calgary from 1964 to 1968.

Much of Mr. MacNeish's work was conducted through the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy, where he was a member of the faculty. In 1960 Mr. MacNeish joined with Peabody Andover director Doug Byers and curator Fred Johnson to explore the origins of agriculture and complex societies in the Americas.

Initial work focused on the Tehuacan Valley in Mexico. Five seasons of fieldwork documented 12,000 years of cultural development and the process

by which corn was domesticated. The Tehuacan Project is still considered one of the most significant interdisciplinary programs in 20th century American archaeology. During the 1970s, Mr. MacNeish focused similar research efforts in the Ayacucho Valley of Peru and in Belize.

After retiring from the museum in 1982, Mr. MacNeish taught briefly at Boston University and continued his research through the Andover Foundation for Archaeological Research. In 1993, Mr. MacNeish, along with colleagues from Beijing University and the Jiangxi Institute of Archaeology, investigated the origins of rice agriculture along the middle reaches of the Yangtze River.

He was a Golden Gloves boxing champion as an undergraduate.

Members of his family include his wife, Diana MacNeish; and sons Rodrick and Alexander MacNeish.

Funeral services will be private. A memorial service is planned for this spring in Andover.

Ethel M. Kennedy Former resident worked at the Andover Shop for 12 years

Ethel M. (Bonnallie) Kennedy, 89, of Leominster, died Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Health Alliance Leominster Hospital.

Mrs. Kennedy lived in Andover several years ago.

She was born in Fitchburg and graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1930. She worked in the retail business and worked at the

Andover Shop in Andover for 12 years, retiring many years ago.

Members of her family include her son, Paul F. Kennedy of Leominster; a daughter, Carolyn L. Kilcourse of North Andover; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service in the Christ Church, Fitchburg, will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are by the Brandon-Simard Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg.

Helen R. Doucette Granddaughter works at the Andover Townsman

Helen R. Doucette, 98, of West Boxford, died Wednesday, Jan. 17 at her daughter's home in Centerville.

She was born and educated in North Andover. She attended Johnson High School. She then attended the School of Domestic Science in Boston.

She was the widow of Charles E. Doucette.

Deaths Elsewhere

DIGUARDO - The Rev. Dominic DiGuardo of the Salesian Order, of Stony Point, N.Y., died Monday, Dec. 4. Members of his family include his sister, Frieda Badolato, and niece, Rosemarie Webb, both of Andover.

GRASSIS - Kathleen (Tilley) Grassis, 84, of Dracut, died Sunday, Jan. 21 at Holy Family Hospital. Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph M. and Donnabeth Dooley Grassis, of Andover.

HUTTON - Charles F. Hutton, 79, of Londonderry, N.H., died Sunday, Jan. 21 at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, N.H.

Members of his family include his sister, Virginia Fitzpatrick of Andover.

MOURED - Dr. C. Cary Moured, 85, of North Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 16 in Jensen Beach, Fla.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Joanne and Gary Cobuzzi of Andover.

RANCATORE - Robert F. Rancatore, 70, of Haverhill and formerly of Methuen, died Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Members of his family include his sister, Maria Rizzo of Andover.

SAFFIE - Pierrette (Garand) Saffie, 68, of Lawrence, died Saturday, Jan. 21 at Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital in Salem, N.H.

Mrs. Saffie retired as an inspector from Raytheon Corp. of Andover.

Members of her family include her daughters, Betty Palmer of Centerville and Eleanor Wilkinson of Campobello, Canada; nine grandchildren, including *Andover Townsman* circulation manager Leslie Wilkin-son; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Merton E. Roberts Jr. & Conte Funeral Home, 14 Pleasant St., Georgetown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cape Cod, 923 Route 6A, Yarmouthport, MA 02675; or VNA of Cape Cod, 434 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660, Attn: Development.



Helen R. Doucette

Virginia E. Levi Attended St. Augustine's

Virginia E. (Conybear) Levi, 76, of Andover, died Friday, Jan. 19 at home.

Born and educated in Chicago, Mrs. Levi was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her daughters, Jolene and husband Jack Monroe of Methuen, Kathy and husband Tom Schregardus of Somerville, Barbara Skinner of Stoneham, and Diane and husband David Konieczny of Montana; a sister, Joan Thompson of Arizona; a brother, Paul Conybear of Chicago; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was mother of the late George "Skip" Levi Jr.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral

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Rev. Dominic DiGuardo, SDB of the Salesian Order passed away on Dec. 4 in Stony Point, N.Y. He left one sister Frieda Badolato, Andover and two nieces Rosemarie Webb, Andover and Constance Wark, Boston. Two grand nieces Alexandra and Marigold Webb; and one grand nephew Jacob Wark, Boston.

As well as being a priest, he was an accomplished musician and composer of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

He studied in Europe before coming to the United States, in 1937, as a newly ordained priest. His first Mass in Lawrence was at the Holy Rosary Church.

A memorial Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Church, Lawrence for Rev. DiGuardo, Saturday, Jan. 27 at the 12:05 p.m. service.

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Virginia E. Levi

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Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Elizabeth Barrett Graduate of Pynchard High, Brigham School of Nursing

Elizabeth A. Barrett, 88, of Lawrence, died Friday, Jan. 19 at MI Nursing & Restorative Center in Lawrence.

Ms. Barrett worked for Engelhard Industries in Attleboro as an industrial registered nurse.

She was born and educated in Andover, and graduated from Pynchard High School.

She graduated from Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School of Nursing in 1934.

Ms. Barrett lived locally all her life. She was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her sister, Patricia Barrett of Lawrence; a brother, Joseph F. Barrett of Haverhill; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Hart-Wallace Funeral Home, 107 S. Broadway, Lawrence.

Dorothy West Retired from Stuart's

Dorothy (Kimball) West of Lawrence, died Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. West was retired from Stuart's department stores.

Born and educated in Lawrence, she lived in the city all her life. She attended St. Mary's Church.

Members of her family include sons, Kenneth West of Merrimack, N.H., Robert West of Lawrence and John Lees of Dracut; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Rosinski Salem Street Funeral Home, 81 Salem St., Lawrence.

Emily S. Schwartz Helped run Chelsea cafe

Emily S. (Cutler) Schwartz, 83, of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 20 at Woodbriar of Wilmington.

She was born in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School. She was a homemaker and also assisted in the operation of Cutler's Cafe in Chelsea. She lived in Andover for several

years.

Mrs. Schwartz was a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program and for the Sisterhood at Temple B'nai Israel in Revere.

She was the widow of Abraham Schwartz.

Members of her family include a son, Gerald Schwartz of Salem; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Arthur Feinberg of Andover; a sister, Edith Baron, of Andover; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, Mass.; or a charity of one's choice.

Carl M. Gahan Jr. Dentist and lifelong town resident

Dr. Carl M. Gahan Jr. of Andover, a dentist who had an office in Methuen for many years, died Saturday, Jan. 20 at Lawrence General Hospital.

He was a lifelong town resident. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire and Tufts University.

Upon retiring, Dr. Gahan spent much of his time at his family's second home in Harpswell, Maine.

Members of his family include several cousins.

Friends may call tonight, Thursday, Jan. 25 at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St. from 7 to 8 p.m. A funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Brunswick, Maine in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, or to a charity of one's choice.

Lorraine L. Chrestensen Enjoyed family and grandchildren

Lorraine L. (Dion) Chrestensen, 84, of Railroad Avenue, died Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Chrestensen was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, baking, and knitting. Her greatest pleasures were those times spent with her family and grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church.

She was the widow of Harold Chrestensen and members of her family include a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Martha Chrestensen of Jupiter, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Stephen Flynn of

Groveland; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. at St. Augustine Church. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Friends may call today, Thursday, Jan. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Daniel A. Morreo Boston Globe pressman

Daniel Anthony Morreo, 77, of Sheridan Road, died Monday, Jan. 22 at Beth Israel-Deaconess Hospital, after what his family called a courageous and valiant struggle with lymphoma.

He was born in Boston and attended schools in that city's North End, Boston Latin School and Boston University. He was a veteran of the US Army Air Corps and a member of the American Legion. In 1963, he graduated from Northeastern University. In 1969, he earned a second degree in industrial technology.

The publisher of the former *Boston Record American-Advertiser* presented Mr. Morreo the degree in the newspaper's pressroom. For many years he was foreman in charge of the pressroom at that newspaper.

He then went to work at the *Boston Globe* as a web pressman. He later worked at the *Globe/New York Times* in Billerica.

Mr. Morreo enjoyed skiing and traveling. Italy was his favorite destination.

Members of his family include his wife of 42 years, Beatrice Morreo; five children, Susan P. Birrell of Andover, Gail M. Bryant of Illinois, Mark W. Morreo of Haverhill, Martha A. Wiley of Princeton, and Daniel A. Morreo Jr. of Bristol, R.I.; and a sister, Gloria Marie Simboli of Winchester.

Friends may call today, Thursday, Jan. 25 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St. A funeral Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 22 High Vale Lane. Burial will be in West Parish Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lymphoma/Leukemia Fund, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, c/o Dr. Reed Drews' Discretionary Gift Fund, 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK



"Dine with the Docs" event planners from Andover include, from left, Dr. Chandrakant M. Patel, Martha Erdem, John Ingalls of Palmers Restaurant, and Su Shetty.

Holy Family Hospital & Medical Center's 'Dine with the Docs' Feb. 11

Andover has a strong presence in the upcoming "Dine with the Docs" event to benefit Holy Family Hospital.

Several residents are taking part in the planning.

Participants will be able to enjoy the specialties of local restaurants and the food will be served by local chefs and doctors,

including Dr. Chandrakant M. Pateli of Andover.

The event is Sunday, Feb. 11 at Wyndham-Andover. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. while the auction raffle takes place after dinner. Tickets are \$30. Local merchants taking part include Andover Inn, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Lanam Club, Palmers, Thai Sweet Basil, Wyndham-Andover, Wild Oats, Hollan Florist, and Flowers by Steve. For more information, call (978) 557-0390.

Greater Lawrence Underground Railroad Committee presents film on black musicians

The Greater Lawrence Underground Railroad Committee will present a film, free to the public, at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Wednesday, Jan. 31, at noon.

"Jubilee Singers: Sacrifice and Glory" tells the story of a group of former slaves who performed concerts throughout the northern states and Europe, singing to raise funds for the education of recently freed slaves.

The Greater Lawrence Underground Railroad Committee consists of representatives from such area cultural and educational organizations as Memorial Hall

Library, Lawrence Public Library, Andover, North Andover, and Methuen Historical Societies, Immigrant City Archives, Phillips Academy, and the Andover schools, among others. Since August of 1998, this Committee has met regularly to research and develop community programs on black history and the anti-slavery movement as part of an ongoing effort to link Merrimack Valley history with the National Park Service's current initiative to document Underground Railroad activities nationwide.

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eating together at the Merrimack Restaurant at the Andover Wyndham. Cost is \$15 inclusive, and menu selections are available at the center. Newcomers, singles or couples invited to participate at any time.

Friday Forum Tomorrow: Dr. Anthony Turiano, Diane Blake, and Attorney Monica Aranguren will be the guest panelists for tomorrow's forum on

advance medical directives scheduled for 9:30 a.m. No charge, but we'd appreciate a call if you're planning to attend so that we may plan appropriately.

Computer Classes: We have several openings in our February beginners and Internet computer classes. Call Pat at the center if you would like to become computer savvy or learn how to surf the Net. Class size limited to six students.

Business

Business briefs...

Andover doctor heads medical staff at Lawrence General Hospital

Brian T. Callahan Jr. of Andover was recently elected president of the medical staff at Lawrence General Hospital.

Callahan is a partner in Andover Surgical Associates in Doctors Park and director of Lawrence General Hospital's trauma services. Following his appointment, he helped lead the hospital in its successful efforts to earn verification as a level III trauma center from the American College of Surgeons. Lawrence General is the only hospital in Massachusetts to achieve level III designation.

A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Callahan has served on the Lawrence General medical staff since 1988.



Brian Callahan Jr.

Callahan is also an associate clinical instructor at Tufts University and on the senior staff at Isham Infirmary at Phillips Academy. He is a graduate of Tufts Medical School and did his postgraduate training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He graduated magna cum laude from Tufts and was valedictorian in his graduating class at Malden Catholic High School in Malden.

Callahan and his wife Stephanie have three children: Stephanie, 18, Brian III, 15 and Neal, 11.

Andover directors author hypnotic suggestion article

In the November issue of *CRNA: The Clinical Forum for Nurse Anesthetist*, Alphonse M. Tatarunis, and Agustin Hernandez, executive directors of Greater New England Academy of Hypnosis Inc. of Andover, co-authored an article entitled "The use of Pre, Intra, and Posthypnotic Suggestions in Anesthesia and Surgery."

For the past 22 years, Tatarunis and Hernandez have been conducting seminars around the United States approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Tatarunis has also conducted a stress-management center in Middleton.

Number and volume get home team No. 1 ranking

Susan Rochwarg and the "Susan Sells" real estate team ranked No. 1 for number of homes sold and for sales volume among Keller

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Owner plans to sell business

Something new in the oven for Felicia's

By Rebecca Piro

Customers who frequently stop by Felicia's for a morning coffee or pastry may soon find a new face behind the counter.

After two years of business, owner Hera Arslania says she has decided to sell the Park Street Village bakery, known for its pastries, breads, gourmet coffees and some lunch items.

Since the bakery went on the market two weeks ago with realtor Keller Williams, several individuals have expressed interest in the business, which is going for \$115,000, says Arslania. She already has a potentially serious buyer — Marina Coutermarsh, a teacher from North Andover, who hopes to settle the sales agreement in the next couple of weeks.

Arslania says that her decision to sell is based on personal rather than business reasons.

"The store is very busy. Every day, I almost run out of everything," says Arslania, gesturing to the rapidly-emptying cases of breads, cakes and pastries that she hustles to refill all day long. By selling, she hopes to spend more time with her two sons, ages 6 and 9, she says.

"It's really hard, (choosing between) your kids or the business," she says. "I don't see much of them. Before (the business), we spent all our time together."

Arslania, who knows the names and faces of her regular customers, says that many of them consider her decision sad news. But those who frequent Felicia's for its food and coffee have the comfort of knowing that Coutermarsh says she hopes to keep the bakery basically as it is.



Photos by Tim Jean

Out of the kitchen — Hera Arslania, owner of Felicia's Bakery & Cafe, plans to sell the business, but hopes to continue working there.

"I thought it might be fun," says Coutermarsh. "I want to keep it the same, but make it a little more European."

Felicia's currently offers Turkish and Middle Eastern cuisine, and Coutermarsh wants to expand the lunch menu and add outdoor seating and delivery.

Arslania, who says she would miss her customers as much as they would miss her, hopes to keep working at the bakery after it changes hands. Coutermarsh says she would be more than happy to have Arslania's help.

"I couldn't do it without her," says Coutermarsh, who was in the bakery Monday greeting customers. "I'm trying to (make the transition) slowly and smoothly."



Customers may soon be greeted by a new owner at Felicia's.

Will shops get usual slice of the pie?

Will Giants running back Tiki Barber find a way to beat the famed Ravens defense? Will Ravens quarterback Trent Dilfer find Shannon Sharpe? Does anyone care? More importantly for Andover's fast food business, is anyone planning on ordering takeout?

Talk around New England is about whether anyone is even paying attention to this year's surprising match-up. Spinner's Pizza partner Eric DiCesare isn't sure if this lack of interest affects the number of parties and the number of pizzas ordered. During the Patriots Super Bowl in 1996, some Andover pizza shops were delivering nearly 100 pizzas per hour.

"The Super Bowl is the Super Bowl, people just watch it. I don't think Andover is a big sports-oriented town.

It's been busy on past Super Bowl Sundays, but it's never been crazy, crazy."

At this point in the pre-game, Andover Super Bowl XXXV party-throwers have yet to place their pizza orders in Andover's pie establishments. But like Depot Pizza owner Teddy Exarchos says, "It's still early." According to this pizza veteran who has worked numerous Super Bowl Sundays in his day, "We don't usually get the orders until at least Friday or Saturday."

Exarchos doesn't seem too concerned with the final outcome of the game or the fluctuation in business. "Sometimes we get 'em. Sometimes we don't. I concentrate on what I do and don't ask any questions," he says.

— Jennifer Lappin

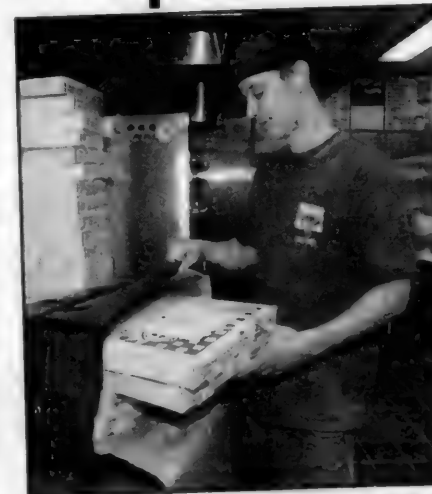


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J.J. Frederick may do plenty of loading come Super Bowl Sunday.

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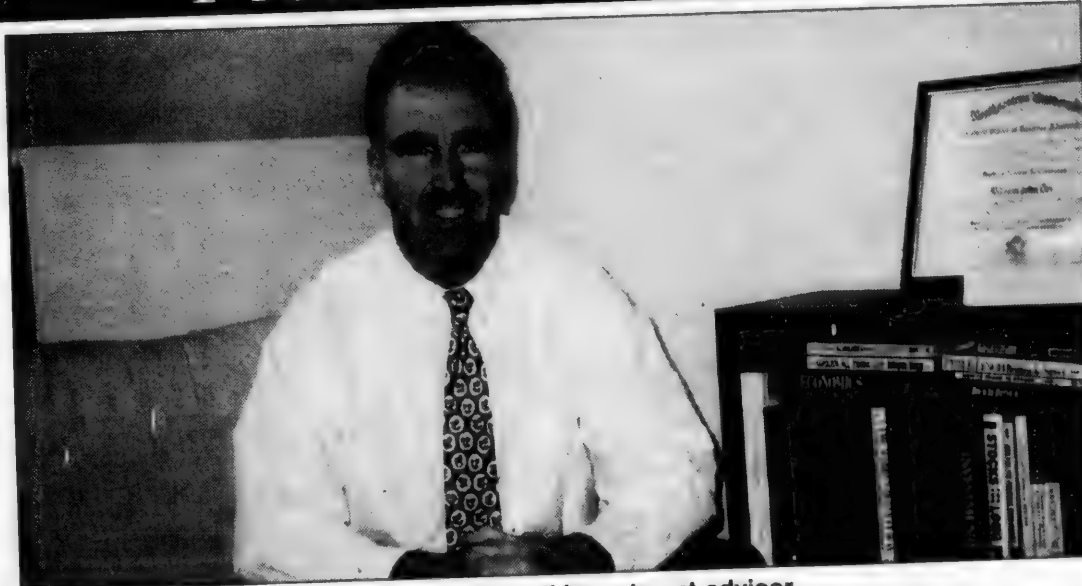
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A veteran in the industry, Cox's background includes management positions at Drexel Burnham

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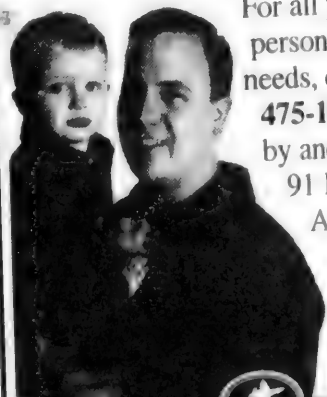
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BUSINESS

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business" for 15 years in the Andover area, formerly with RE/MAX Preferred in Andover. According to a release her real-estate team includes Jeff French, marketing specialist and husband; Cathy McGravey, listings and sales coordinator; and Rochwarg's 4-year-old son Gregory, who serves as "chief of support."



**Susan
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Resident seeks change in Climate

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New to Climate, Rutter has been in the plumbing and heating business for 25 years, working with residential, light-commercial and light-industrial customers. He holds several state licenses, including journeyman, plumber, construction supervisor, and refrigeration contractor. Rutter is a graduate of Andover High School.



Steve Rutter

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Sports

Roundup: Basketball, ski teams, and gymnasts are hot

By Rick Harrison

The Dunn Gym was packed to the rafters on consecutive nights and the atmosphere was electric as the Andover High and Central Catholic boys and girls basketball teams collided in a pair of recent Merrimack Valley Conference showdowns.

It was all good for the local teams as AHS won both games, the girls with a gritty second-half performance and the boys nailing down their victory with a dramatic three-pointer by Capt. Kevin Shepard in the final minute.

For the girls' game, which brought together two 11-0 teams, 1,100 tickets were sold and an estimated 1,300 fans packed the gym to the rafters before the doors were closed and several hundred people were turned away.

Those lucky enough to get inside weren't disappointed. They were treated to an outstanding event, which saw the Lady Warriors erase a seven-point deficit early in the second half and hold Central without a field goal for the final 7 minutes on the way to a 57-46 victory.

Jenny Muller was immense, scoring 24 points including the 500th of her brief 35-game AHS career.

Defensively, Katie Kramer and Lisa Tisbert shut down CCHS stand-out Brigid Hegarty, who did not score a point all night.

Muller was 14-for-14 at the free throw line, while the team was 23-for-31, which proved to be a major factor in the win.

Avoiding what would have been an understandable letdown on Tuesday night, the Lady Warriors returned to the hardwood with a purpose to defeat another unbeaten opponent, non-league Brockton, by a 44-39 count in their first-ever meeting at the Dunn Gym.

"It was a great week for us and hopefully we can keep it going," said head coach Jim Tildsley. "What makes the Brockton win even more impressive is that this is exam week."

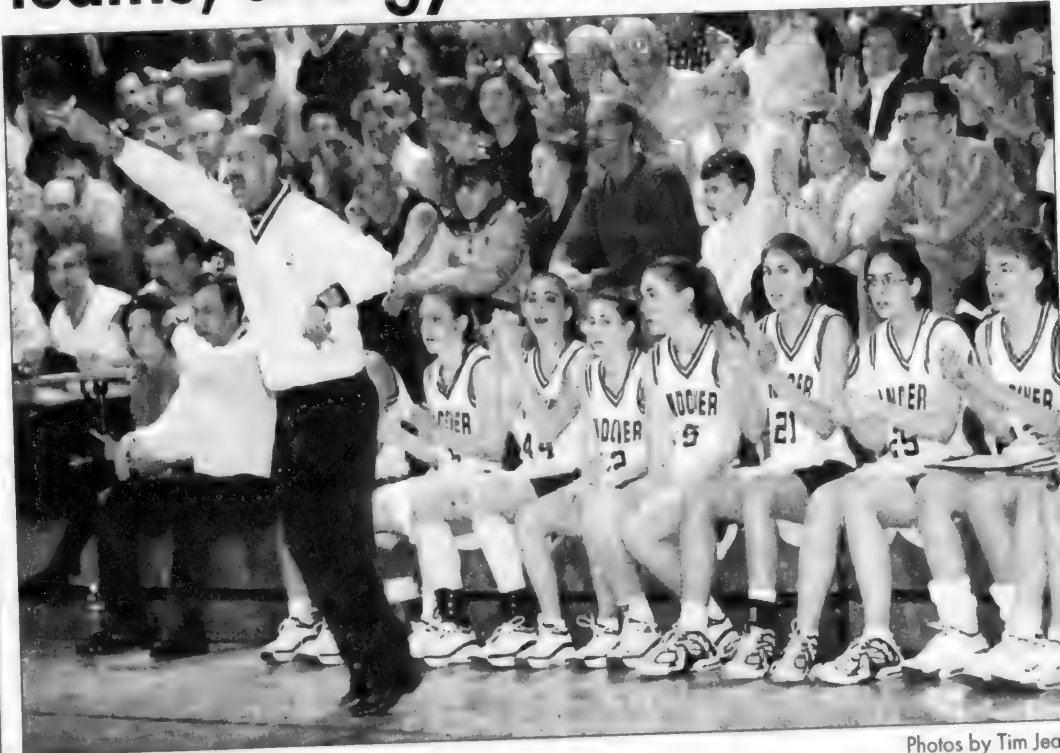
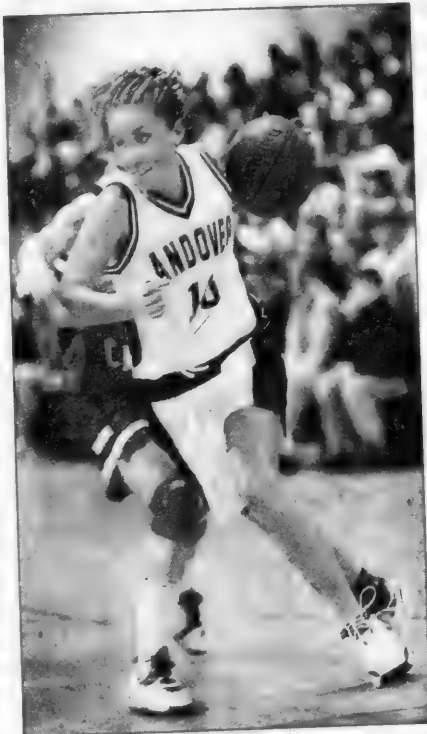
"Our players put their studies ahead of their basketball — and I can't knock that. Even after they studied all afternoon on Monday — we still had a spirited practice that night. Then they went back home and most of them said they were going to do more studying."

For their outstanding performance and dedication the Lady Warriors were presented with a rare day off yesterday.

The Andover boys also attracted a large and vocal crowd for their Central game, and those people were rewarded with an exciting seesaw battle that turned for the final time on the Golden Warriors' ninth three-pointer with just 33 seconds to play.

Shepard's fourth triple of the contest set the final score at 57-55, keeping the locals in the thick of the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title fight while handing Central its first conference loss of the season.

The triumph also avenged a 49-40



Photos by Tim Jean

The Lady Warriors came out on top, 57-46, in a battle of undefeated teams at Dunn Gym on Friday night, as top scorer Jenny Muller (above) added 24 to her total, including her 500th in only 35 games at AHS. Above right, head coach Jim Tildsley exhorts his troops, who kept Central Catholic from scoring a field goal in the final 7 minutes of the game.

defeat at the Raiders' hands in the opening round of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament.

Shepard was slowed earlier this week by a sprained ankle. Fortunately AHS had a bye on Tuesday, but at presstime it wasn't sure how the injury would affect his status for tomorrow night's game against Methuen.

The defending state champion AHS girls gymnastics team remained perfect, boosting its record to 5-0 and getting everyone involved in easy victories over Methuen and Lowell.

The Andover girls track team, likely headed for another MVC Division 1 title showdown with Chelmsford, continued unbeaten with a 60-26 cruise past Central Catholic.

The Golden Warriors' varsity hockey team extended its win streak through seven games, and remained tied for first place in Division 2 of the Merrimack Valley/Dual County League, with wins over Central Catholic and Lincoln-Sudbury.

The boys swim team, heading down the home stretch of its best season in years, improved to 6-1 with wins over Nashua, N.H., Lowell and Haverhill.

On the ski slopes, both Andover High teams continue to enjoy fine seasons with the boys 6-1 and the girls 4-1 at the midway point of the campaign.

Both are firmly entrenched in second place in the North Shore League, and the top two teams in each division qualify for the MIAA State Alpine Championship Meet scheduled Feb. 27 at Berkshire East in Charlemont.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Extending its Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet win streak to 14, the Andover High girls gymnastics team used 22 athletes in one meet and 19 in another on the way to convincing victories over Lowell, 128.65 to 84.50, and the weakest Methuen team in years, 132.40 to 110.40.

The Methuen win was the 96th for head coach Julie Chapman and boosted AHS to 67-5 in its last 72 dual meets.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors hosted Masconomet Regional of Topsfield last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, and tomorrow night Andover travels to Dracut (7 p.m.).

The MVC dual-meet season wraps up with home competitions against North Andover (Jan. 31) and Wilmington (Feb. 7). All meets start at 7 p.m.

"We're fortunate to have outstanding depth," said coach Chapman. "Some teams are scratching for numbers — but we could put up two full teams that would both score pretty high."

"It's nice to use as many girls as possible — but we also have to watch our point average for Sectionals."

"We'll be going for big scores against Masconomet, North Andover and Dracut. We'll get back in the swing of things with our best lineups because those are three of the tougher teams," said Chapman.

Andover 132.40
Methuen 110.40

Nineteen Lady Warriors had a piece of the action in the least stressful meet against the Rangers in years.

"It felt strange not having to worry about the lineup or going all out for a big score against Methuen," said Chapman. "This meet was much more laid back."

Andover first-place finishers were Kristin Elsmore on the uneven bars (9.3), Sheri Bernstein on balance beam (8.8), second-year Capt. Maureen Lothrop and Jenn Nisco tied in vault (8.1) and Katie Cail in floor exercise (8.6).

Lothrop's vault score was a personal-best, while Elsmore barely missed equaling her high mark of 9.4 on bars achieved last year.

Bernstein finished second on bars with a career-best 9.0, and completing a sweep of the top four places were Renee Fung (8.8) and Becky Hass (8.4).

Also competing on bars were Bahaar Massihzadegan (7.8) and Kaitlin Doyle (7.6).

Jackie Barry was runner-up on beam with an 8.2, while additional AHS performers were Andrea Krivelow (7.7), Doyle (7.5), Krissy Levis (7.4) and Capt. Katie McKain (6.6).

Barry took third place in vault (8.0), while Jamie Huston scored 7.4, Diana Vining 7.1 and freshman Jessica Guidoboni 6.0 in her varsity debut.

Completing a sweep of the top four places in floor were Gretchen Fuhr (8.3), Levis (8.2) and Lothrop (8.0).

Lisa Vallera (7.7) and sophomore Rachel Goldman (6.5) also produced strong routines.

For the third time this season the Lady Warriors did not have an all-around performer.

Andover 128.65
Lowell 84.50

Coach Chapman used 22 different gymnasts in the four events, with sev-

eral freshmen getting their first taste of life in the varsity spotlight.

"We wanted to use 24 different girls (the maximum) in the meet but it didn't quite work out," said the coach.

Becky Hass did not compete because her hands were sore, and Bahaar Massihzadegan had to bow out because of illness.

Sweeping the top four places on the uneven bars were Kristin Elsmore (9.0), Renee Fung (8.8), Sheri Bernstein (8.4) and Katie Cail (8.1). Kaitlin Doyle also competed and scored a 6.8.

Capt. Katie McKain was tops on balance beam with an 8.65, while freshman Krissy Levis was second (8.6) and freshman Andrea Krivelow fourth (7.6).

Also up on beam were freshman Casey Frost (6.8), sophomore Courtney Hale (5.7) and sophomore Heather Barry (5.5).

Lowell's Shannon Martin led the way in vault, and placing for AHS were freshman Jenn Nisto third (8.4), sophomore Jamie Huston and senior Beth Upton tied for fourth (7.9).

Also vaulting for the locals were Diana Vining (7.4), Belen Valdecasas (7.0) and sophomore Jenny Piro (6.2).

Fung was runner-up to Lowell's Martin in floor exercise (8.2), while freshman Elsie Eustis was third (7.9) and Capt. Maureen Lothrop fourth (7.6).

Also scoring for AHS were freshman Jenn Mason (7.4), sophomore Lisa Vallera (7.3) and freshman Laura Lamontagne (6.4).

The scores by Fung on bars, McKain (beam) and Huston (vault) were personal bests.

The Lady Warriors did not enter an all-around competitor.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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ALPINE SKIING

Capt. Ryan Hayes is the top scorer for the Andover High boys ski team through seven meets, while Sherri Conrad tops the Lady Warriors in points.

"We know we have to continue to practice hard," said head coach Tom Busta. "The boys upset North Andover last week and the girls put a good scare into Masconomet."

"Not everyone on the teams is racing up to their potential — but that is definitely not from a lack of effort."

"We'll stay focused, keep plugging away and see where it takes us."

Andover boys

Hayes has piled up 101 points for the boys, whose only loss was against traditional power St. John's Prep.

Justin Roy has 84 points, Ryan Piazza 76, Capt. Jeff Marshall 74, Luke Larsen 54, Jim Green 49, Nels Nelson 47 and John Colangelo 45.

Completing the AHS scorers are Ryan Macomber with 19, Aaron Dynes 17, Brady Reed 14, Rich LaFranchi 11, Nick Stamas nine, Ray Bill seven and Jordan Thibault two.

The boys have beaten Haverhill (109-26), Bishop Fenwick (101-34), Masconomet Regional (83-52), Methuen (93-42), Austin Prep (105-30) and North Andover (79-56).

SJP defeated the locals 96-39 in their third meet.

Andover girls

On the girls side, the top five scorers are Conrad with 74 points, Britany Roy 67, Jessica Moody 59, Lisa Tylus 58 and Lauren Hayes 47.

Mallory Jaracz has 38 points, Capt. Erin Zuena 34, Jennie Williams 30, Courtney Conlon 11, Capt. Ellen Donahue 10, Erica Finger nine, Kerian Bartley six, Libby Driscoll four and Sloan McCauley four.

The Lady Warriors have bested Methuen (115-20), North Andover (93-42), Bishop Fenwick (79-56) and Haverhill (103-32).

Masconomet slipped past the locals, 74-61.

Schedule

The boys returned to the Bradford Hill slopes yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, with a tri-meet against Haverhill and Bishop Fenwick.

They battle Masconomet, and have a first-place showdown with St. John's Prep, next Monday afternoon (3:30 p.m.).

The AHS girls race against Methuen and North Andover this afternoon (3:30 p.m.), and next Tuesday they face Haverhill and Bishop Fenwick.

A piece of the NSL title could be on the line in the regular-season dual-meet finale Feb. 6 versus Masconomet.

The annual Interscholastic Race is Feb. 13 at Bradford Hill.

INDOOR TRACK

A familiar pattern continued for the Andover High girls and boys indoor track teams in their recent Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 dual meets against Central Catholic.

The AHS girls were convincing winners by a 60-26 score while the boys came up short in a 53-33 loss.

The undefeated Lady Warriors

remained on track for a conference title, improving to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in MVC

Division 1.

The locals' trip to the Eastern Mass. Class A Relays at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury was postponed by snow.

Schedule

Yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, Andover hosted Haverhill in dual meet action.

The Class A Relays were rescheduled to this Saturday and will get a 9:30 a.m. start at the Lewis Center.

A week from today Andover will travel to Lowell for its only dual meet away from home, facing the Red Raiders at the Riddick Field House (4 p.m.).

Andover girls 60 Central Catholic 26

In perhaps their strongest overall performance of the season, the Lady Warriors won seven events and placed 1-2 in the 50 hurdles, 300 dash, 600 run, mile and two-mile on the way to the easy victory over previously-undefeated Central Catholic.

It was the opening MVC Division 1 dual meet for both teams.

"I anticipated a much closer score," admitted AHS head coach Art Iworsley. "I even thought it might come down to the relay."

"Our girls didn't believe me after the way we dominated — but on paper it looked like a much more competitive meet."

Once again Natasha Camilo and Emily Pfeil placed in two events each for the locals.

Camilo won the 600 run (1:38.0) and was second in the high jump (4'8"), while Pfeil captured the mile run by 10 seconds (5:55.6) and finished third in the high jump (4'8").

Other individual winners for AHS were Meet MVP Stephanie Pierce in the 50 hurdles (7.6), sprinter Stephanie Casper in the 300 dash (41.0), Lindsay Durkin in the 1000 run (3:04.7), two-miler Laura O'Connell (12:50.5) and undefeated shot putter Ogechi Ibe (34'1 1/4").

Earning seconds were hurdler Sheena Patel (7.6), Carolyn Berberian (50 dash, 6.6), Janelle Larose (300 dash, 41.8), Jessica Urbelis (600 run, 1:40.1), miler Caitlin Woo (6:05.2) and two-miler Julia Kwolyk (13:06.7).

Completing the Andover scorers in third were Jen Annese (50 dash, 6.8), Allyson Fortier (1000 run, 3:07.3) and shot putter Robin Young (31'1 1/4").

Producing personal-best efforts were Pierce in the hurdles, Berberian (50), Larose (300), Durkin (1000) and Kwolyk (two-mile).

Central's two winners were Gillian Mundry in the 50 dash (6.4) and high jumper Dominique Caruso (5'0").

Central Catholic 53 Andover boys 33

AHS won four events, but the Golden Warriors' lack of depth hurt as they added only three second-place finishes and three thirds.

AHS Meet MVP Jason Crabbe scored in two events, winning the high jump with a 5'5" leap and placing third in the 50 dash with a personal-best 5.9-second effort.

Bruce Brown won the 50 and his 5.7 clocking was the fastest in the conference this season (the league record is 5.5).

Other individual firsts went to Mike Ring, with a personal-best 2:33.3

in the 1000 run, and Tim Galebach with an indoor personal-best 4:37.2 in the mile.

Runners-up were hurdler Kyle Miller (6.9), miler Ryan Durkin (5:07.2) and two-miler Brendan Ahern (10:32.3).

Third places were nailed down by Shawn Gaines (300 dash, 36.4) and Shahriar Ghandchi in a very close 600 run (1:21.9) which saw the top three finish less than one second apart.

Central was sparked by Jeff Ossinger of Tewksbury, who won the hurdles (6.6) and ran a leg for the victorious relay team, Paul Cutuli whose 34.9 in the 300 is one of the league's best and two-miler Chris Grange with a swift 10:18 effort.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Justin Crocker was a double winner as the Andover High boys swim and dive team completed a season series sweep of Lowell with a 97-77 dual-meet triumph over the Raiders at the Riddick Field House pool.

The Golden Warriors also beat Nashua, N.H. High for the second time this winter, topping the century mark for the first time with a 102-77 romp.

Schedule

The locals (6-1) wrap up their dual-meet season tomorrow afternoon against powerful Chelmsford at the Lowell YMCA pool (3:30 p.m.).

Andover must beat the five-time reigning Merrimack Valley Conference champs to earn a share of the title.

The Lions enter at 8-2 overall, including 7-0 in MVC meets, and they handed AHS its only loss of the season (101-77) on Jan. 9.

The MVC Championship Meet is Feb. 9 at Haverhill's Charles White Natatorium.

Andover 97 Lowell 77

The Golden Warriors placed first in 10 of 12 events, including all three relays, and swept the top three spots in the 50- and 100-yard sprint freestyle races.

Justin Crocker won twice and was involved in the Golden Warriors' most exciting race of the season.

Crocker and Lowell distance ace Ethan Brown locked up in a torrid 500 freestyle duel.

"They were side by side the whole race," said AHS coach Mark Taffe, "and Justin was able to out-kick Brown at the end."

After 500 yards the pair finished just a quarter-second apart, Crocker touching in 5:08.71 and Brown in 5:08.96.

Crocker also won the 100 free (56.06) and swam the lead leg for the victorious 400 free relay. Rob Lakow, Bert Gilbert and Paul D'Ambrosio completed the 400 relay (4:03.96).

"I gave Justin a challenge today — testing his mettle by putting him in back-to-back events," said coach Taffe. "He liked the idea and came through with two big efforts."

Other individual winners for the locals were Sean Geary (200 IM, 2:15.71), Colin Callahan (50 free, 26.46), Steve Graham (100 butterfly, 57.82), Paul D'Ambrosio (100 backstroke, 1:06.56) and Matt Judell (100 breaststroke, 1:13.00).

Geary, Judell, Rich Roda and James Paull comprised the winning 200 medley relay (2:01.25), while the first-place 200 free relay consisted of Nick Saunders, Callahan, Gilbert and Lakow (1:46.21).

John D'Ambrosio produced a pair



Lisa Tisbert



Ashley McLaughlin



Photos by Tim Jean

Shannon Sweeney (left) and Lisa Tisbert (right) battle a Central player for possession.

of second-place finishes in the 200 free (2:09.93) and 50 free (27.15).

Additional runners-up were one-meter diver Dany Guy, Saunders (100 fly, 59.75), Roda (100 free, 58.00), Rick Umlah (100 backstroke, 1:09.81) and Callahan (100 breaststroke, 1:13.59).

Andover nailed down second in the 200 free relay with Roda, Paull, Mike Avila, Calvin Leung (1:58.63) and the 400 free relay with Saunders, Moskal, Ben Carter and Graham (4:09.00).

Completing event sweeps in third place were Umlah in the 50 free (27.43) and Lakow in the 100 free (1:00.21).

"Umlah had a good meet," said coach Taffe. "Both of his times in the 50 free and 100 back were personal bests."

Other third-place finishers were Lakow (200 free, 2:22.56), Saunders (200 IM, 2:22.25), Moskal (500 free, 5:51.78) and the 200 medley relay of Umlah, Moskal, John D'Ambrosio and Callahan (2:02.06).

Andover 102 Nashua, N.H. 77

Although the visiting Purple Panthers placed first in seven of the 12 events, Andover rode its superior depth and numerous second-through fifth-place finishes to the victory at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

Individual winners for the Golden Warriors were senior Steve Graham

(200 free, 1:55.11), freshman Nick Saunders (100 butterfly, 59.46) and junior Justin Crocker (500 free, 5:34.18).

The 200 free relay of Saunders, Graham, Rich Roda and Capt. John D'Ambrosio also touched first (1:40.53), as did the 400 free quartet of junior Rob Lakow, Crocker, freshman Sean Geary and Capt. Rob Lakow (3:51.53).

Finishing second for the locals were Crocker (50 free, 24.70), Geary (100 free (53.46), Moskal (500 free, 5:49.14), freshman Paul D'Ambrosio (1:04.69) and freshman Matt Judell (100 breaststroke, 1:12.71).

Freshman one-meter diver Dany Guy was also a runner-up with 116.20 points.

AHS relays placing second were the 200 medley foursome of Crocker, Colin Callahan, John D'Ambrosio, Graham (1:55.12) and the 400 free crew of sophomore Mike Avila, Graham, Saunders and anchor Paul D'Ambrosio (3:58.28).

Earning thirds were Roda in both the 50 free (24.89) and 100 free (59.06), Moskal (200 IM, 2:24.48), John D'Ambrosio (100 butterfly, 1:05.71), freshman Mike Cronin (100 backstroke, 1:09.57) and Callahan (100 breaststroke, 1:14.01).

Cronin, Jonathan Leung, Roda and Bert Gilbert touched third in the 200 medley relay (2:04.59), and third in the 200 free relay was the team of

ROUNDUP

Geary, Avila, Gary Chen and Callahan (1:49.25).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The vital victory over Central Catholic and the tug-of-war win against Division 1 South power Brockton High boosted coach Jim Tildsley's rampaging Andover High juggernaut to 10-0 in league play and 13-0 overall.

It also stretched the MVC win streak to 25 straight and the overall regular-season skein to 22 in a row.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors are at Methuen tomorrow night and next Tuesday Lowell (8:30) visits the Dunn Gym (7:30 p.m.).

The rematch with Central Catholic will be Monday, Feb. 5 in Lawrence instead of Feb. 6 as incorrectly reported in last week's *Townsmen*.

Scoring leaders

After 13 games, Jenny Muller leads the parade with 208 points (16.0 average). Lisa Tisbert had 147 points, Megan Pinksten 134 and Ashley McLaughlin 95.

Muller now has 519 career points.

Andover 44

Brockton 39

About 800 fans — a healthy turnout for a school night during exam week — watched as the Lady Warriors overcame a poor shooting night from the floor to hand the visiting Boxers (11-1) their first loss.

"I'm really happy with the way we played tonight," said coach Tildsley. "Brockton is a talented team. They're much quicker than we are — but we played very smart basketball. 'All seven girls we used did a terrific job. It was another high-quality win.'

The locals led by nine points at the half, 28-19, and built the advantage as high as 12 in the second half before going stone cold which enabled Brockton to close within five at the end.

"That was as good a first half of girls high school basketball as people can expect to see," said Tildsley. "It was nip-and-tuck until we closed with a 5-0 run, which included Jenny (Muller) hitting a three at the buzzer."

Megan Pinksten got in early foul trouble, picking up her third personal late in the first half, but Shannon Sweeney took over on the boards while Pinksten was resting.

"We hadn't seen Brockton play before," said Tildsley. "They use a three-guard offense, like we do, but we shut them down. They were averaging 83 points a game and we held them to 39."

The Boxers' top player (Bonds) has a full ride to Bentley, but Katie Kramer blanketed her and held the Brockton guard to one field goal and four total points.

"Their pressure defense didn't hurt us," said Tildsley. "When they closed the gap at the end it was because we went ice cold after taking the 12-point lead. We got good looks at the basket but just didn't shoot well."

The Lady Warriors scored only 16 points in the final 16 minutes.

Capt. Lisa Tisbert, who includes Bentley and Merrimack among her top college choices, and sophomore Muller shared game-high scoring honors with 14 points each.

"They (college basketball scouts) are starting to come to our games to look at Lisa," said Tildsley. "But she's also an excellent soccer and softball player — and could do any of the three sports in college."

Tisbert added five rebounds, five steals and three assists while Muller had five boards, three assists and two steals.

Sweeney finished with seven points, a season-high 16 rebounds and three steals. Pinksten had six points, nine caroms and two steals.

Kramer, in addition to her defensive work, had three steals, two assists and converted one free throw.

Ashley McLaughlin, who did not practice Monday because of lingering flu, contributed a field goal, steal, four rebounds and two assists.

Samantha Hughes also played well.

AHS held a slim 16-15 edge in field goals, including 3-1 in three-pointers, and the locals hit 9-of-16 foul shots to 8-of-14 for Brockton.

Andover 57

Central Catholic 46

The joint was jumpin' as the two best teams in the MVC this season, a combined 22-0 entering the game, got down to business.

"We missed some easy shots early," said coach Tildsley. "Both teams were nervous at the start."

After the rivals settled down the score went back and forth throughout the entire first half, Central leaving the floor with a slim 24-23 edge at the break.

The Raiders came out and scored the first six points of the second half to take a 30-23 lead — but then the momentum started to change in favor of the locals.

"We began to play better defense," said Tildsley.

And, with just over seven minutes left in the game, AHS had crept back within a point at 41-40.

Defensive whirlwind Katie Kramer then stripped Central's Brigid Hegarty of the ball and netted the go-ahead basket.

Freshman Ashley McLaughlin followed with another steal, and she eventually scored on a layup after the ball had been worked around the perimeter.

McLaughlin was fouled on the play and missed the free throw, but she later nailed two key charities in the closing minutes.

Lisa Tisbert induced a third straight Central turnover and notched a basket for a 46-41 lead.

The Lady Warriors held CCHS to five successful free throws and no field goals over the final 7:30 of the game.

"(Jenny) Muller was immense from the foul line (perfect 14-for-14) and she played very well defensively," said Tildsley.

"We had great leadership from Tisbert. She didn't score a lot of points — but her presence and poise were important."

"Lisa and Jenny also defended the first entry pass well," said Tildsley. "Central could never get a rhythm or flow to its offense."

The coach also lauded the contribution of sophomore forward Samantha Hughes.

"We had some foul troubles in the first half," said Tildsley. "Samantha played the last nine minutes. She put up some strong defense and pulled down some key rebounds."

In addition to her game-high 24 points, Muller had five assists and two steals.

Megan Pinksten came through

with 11 points, 11 rebounds, five blocks and three steals.

Ashley McLaughlin had nine points, six rebounds, four steals and two assists, while Tisbert produced seven points, five steals and three assists.

Shannon Sweeney chipped in five points and nine boards, while Kramer had three steals, three assists, two blocked shots, two points and did a dynamite defensive job on Hegarty.

Merry Fish converted a free throw.

Angela Lucier and Caitlin Riley were the leading scorers for Central (11-1, 8-1 MVC) with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Both teams finished with 15 field goals, but Andover held a crucial 23-15 scoring edge at the free throw line and finished with a 4-1 advantage in three-pointers.

The rival JV teams set the stage with a terrific preliminary game, Central handing Andover just its second junior varsity loss after edging the locals by one point.

"The (varsity) game at Central on Feb. 5 is going to be a war," predicted Tildsley.

Oddly enough, this was the fourth straight game Andover scored 57 points.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The win over archrival Central Catholic brought Andover within two victories of a Division 1 North Tournament berth, improving the overall record to 8-4 and the league mark to 6-2.

Central fell to 9-3 overall and 7-1 in MVC Division 1 as defending conference champ Andover, Central and first-place Haverhill continue to duke it out for supremacy.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors host Methuen tomorrow night at the Dunn Gym, travel to Lowell next Tuesday night and return home Friday, Feb. 2 for an interesting non-leaguer against Division 1 Central power Holy Name of Worcester.

Scoring leaders

After 12 games, sweet-shooting freshman guard Chris Vetrano leads the team with 219 points (18.2 average), while Kevin Shepard has 162 points and Paraguayan exchange student Bruno Zanotti 145.

Caverly Honored

Senior forward Chris Caverly is this week's recipient of the Baystate Financial Services "Player of the Fortnight" Award.

"Chris is such a hard worker for us," said head coach Dave Fazio. "He always covers the other team's best frontcourt scorer — like Central Catholic's (Joel) Gil and others — and he does a terrific job."

"He's a tenacious player who has worked very hard on his game. He is truly one of our unsung heroes this season."

Andover 57

Central Catholic 55

Kevin Shepard and Chris Vetrano pumped in 19 points each to share game-high scoring honors, as the Golden Warriors used some impressive long-range shooting to overtake the visitors.

Vetrano drained five three-pointers, boosting his team-high total to 32 for the season, while Shepard added a personal single-game season-high four treys including the final dagger with just over a half-minute to play.

In the final 30 seconds Central squandered a couple chances to send the game into overtime or win it.

Celtic stars to visit ACBL teams this Saturday; 'Andover Day' at FleetCenter will be March 4

By Rick Harrison

Lucky Andover Church Basketball League players will get the opportunity for some special instruction this Saturday during the regular round of afternoon games at the Andover High Field House.

Two current Boston Celtic players, along with a soft-shooting backcourt legend from the past, will be in town to lend their expertise to the proceedings for one hour between 3 and 4 p.m.

Current C's Kenny Anderson and Chris Carr will serve as special coaches of ACBL teams, while Jo Jo White will do the honors by throwing up the ball for the opening tip of at least one game.

The players' appearance is in conjunction with the upcoming "Andover Day" at the FleetCenter on Sunday, March 4.

On that day, during halftime of the NBA game between the Celts and Charlotte Hornets, selected Andover High student/athletes and athletic director Jim Hurley will represent the school as it is recognized for being the most successful on the fields of play in the state of Massachusetts this past year.

The school recently received the Ernest B. Dalton Award for Division 1, which is presented to the institution whose boys and girls varsity athletic teams combine for the highest winning percentage in all sports over the course of the fall, winter and spring seasons.

Town residents are encouraged to attend the March 4 game in support of the major accomplishment by the school's many teams.

And fans of the Celtics are encouraged to come to the AHS Field House this Saturday afternoon, to meet the three players and watch them interact with the ACBL kids.

Bruno Zanotti was the third player in double digits for the winners with 13 points, and rounding out the offense were Andy Carter four points and Chris Caverly a pair of free throws.

Neither team was very active at the free throw line, Andover finishing with only four points and Central three from the stripe.

Top scorers for the Raiders, who held a 24-22 edge in field goals but couldn't keep up with Andover in behind-the-arc bombs, were Joel Gil and Darren Shaw who netted 11 points each.

Also contributing to the balanced attack for Central, which led 30-26 at the half, were Tom Sipsey with nine points, Ray Nunez eight and Mike Novak eight.

Andover and Central have now split their last six games since the Raiders beat AHS three times during the 1997-'98 season to complete a run of eight straight wins over the Golden Warriors.

ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High varsity hockey team continued its outstanding play in all phases of the game, giving up just one goal in two outings last week on the way to impressive wins over Central Catholic (5-1) and Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 foe Lincoln-Sudbury (4-0).

Coach Bill Cullen's surging locals are now 8-2-1 overall, including 5-0-1 in MV/DCL Division 2, and they have stretched their longest win streak in six years to seven straight games.

Andover needs just three points in its remaining nine regular season games to qualify mathematically for the MIAA Division 2 North Tournament.

A first or second place finish in the division standings will also put AHS in post-season play.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors played at Billerica High (3-6) last night, and Saturday afternoon first place in MV/DCL Division 2 will be up for grabs when Andover and Boston Latin (9-0-1) collide for the second time this season.

The undefeated Wolfpack, defending division champs, received the only blemish to their record when they were held to a 3-3 tie by AHS on

Dec. 20.

Scoring leaders

Dennis Moran led the way after 10 games with 11 goals and 12 assists for 23 points. Steve Johnson had six goals and six assists for 12 points and Mike Corey six goals, five assists for 11 points.

Andover 5

Central Catholic 1

Five players scored a goal each, and netminder Mike Thompson stopped 19 of 20 Central shots, as the Golden Warriors beat an MV/DCL Division 1 team for the second time this season in the crossover game at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

Dennis Moran launched the attack midway through the first period, giving AHS a 1-0 lead with his 11th goal at the 7:20 mark. Steve Johnson and rearguard George Lewis assisted.

Central tied it at 2:33 of the middle stanza when Keith Simoes netted the lone Raiders' goal.

Two minutes later (4:30) Jon Ofria put the locals ahead to stay, setups credited to Peter Burbank and John Stearns.

Andover's top-scoring line combined for the goal that made it 3-1 with 16 seconds left in the period (14:44), Johnson connecting with assists to Mike Corey and Moran.

"This was the prettiest goal I've seen in a long time," said coach Cullen. "The passing was incredible. Corey passed to Moran out front, and he slid the puck over to Johnson for a tuck into the corner."

Burbank added an insurance goal 1:07 into the final session, and junior center Justin Leider capped the attack with his first varsity goal seven seconds from the final horn (14:53).

Burbank's goal was also a textbook set up, Ofria passing to Stearns who put an aerial pass directly on Burbank's stick for a tip-in.

Senior defenseman John Rogan collected his first point of the season by assisting on Leider's goal.

"We seem to play to the level of the competition — a major reason a lot of our games have been close," said Cullen. "We started out slowly in this game and then picked up the pace when we had to. That's a dangerous way to play."

The Golden Warriors finished with a slim 22-20 edge in shots.

Summer Opportunities Fair

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they've kept in touch through letters and e-mail.

"At the end of three weeks, I did not

want to go back," said Delude of her experience.

Adrea Lee, of Orchard Crossing, is a senior at Phillips

Academy. Her summer getaway last year was spent not in hiking boots, but in a lab coat, on the Brandeis Summer Odyssey at Brandeis University in Waltham.

"I did a seven-week internship in one of their labs," she says. "They had a project from a corporation and they gave it to me."

The lab dealt with nutritional biology, and Lee says a

Andover High junior Molly Klarman spent 26 days in Colorado last summer with Deer Hill Expeditions. The trip covered some remote areas of the Southwest, including this rafting expedition she photographed. ▶



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being in the lab from

9 to 5 and writing and presenting papers was excellent college and career

preparation.

"I want to go into medicine," she says. "My mom is an eye doctor, and she used to do research, and that's what I want to do."

Having received early acceptance to Boston College, Lee is waiting to hear from Harvard, Brown, and a host of other highly selective programs.

"There was a ton of stuff to do," says Lee of the programs purveyed at the Summer Opportunities Fair. She said a friend of hers signed on with a program that sent her to Laos to do community service last summer.

Linda Fisk of the MVAA, coordinator of this year's fair, says there is an

added incentive to attend.

"The most exciting thing is that we have two raffles going on," she said.

The winner of one of the day's raffles, according to Fisk, will get a two-week stint for one child at the Sports PLUS summer camp at the New Hampton School in New Hampshire. The right number in the other raffle wins a session for a rising sophomore in one of PA's summer writing workshops - a \$650 value, according to Fisk.

According to Roxanne Barry, director of the Summer Opportunities Office, "It's a good time of year, winter, to be thinking about summer."

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 1, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Wood Ayer Limited Partnership and Northpoint Realty Trust, c/o Minco Development, 231 Sutton Street, N. Andover, MA 01845 for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. and V.B. to allow the total height of the building to be 65 feet or a modification of Decision No. 2929 and 3026.

Premises affected are located at 1 Stevens Street, 188-198 North Main Street and 204-210 North Main Street, Andover, MA in a Mixed Use District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 37 as Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 31.

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

(Continued from page 29)

The subject of the upcoming documentary which was first featured on PBS' "American Experience" is the Fisk University Jubilee Singers, who introduced the world to the music of black Americans and popularized spirituals to citizens who had previously known black songs only through the demeaning minstrel shows of that day. The Fisk Jubilee Singers eventually raised more than a million dollars to save their struggling Nashville college. An early example of courage in the ongoing struggle

for civil rights, these musicians refused to sing before segregated audiences or to stay in segregated hotels, while on tour. When they performed in Great Britain, Queen Victoria cheered, "Tell them that we are delighted with all their songs!"

Henry Ward Beecher, then the most famous preacher in America and brother of Andover resident Harriet Beecher Stowe, promoted the Jubilee Singers and passed the hat noting, "though they sing like nightingales, they need more to eat than nightingales do!" Usually sponsored by



Penny Kohut, at left, storytelling at the Historical Society.

the American Missionary Association, an organization with strong local roots through the influence of Andover Theological Seminary, the Jubilee Singers also performed on the Phillips Academy campus.

Historical Society to host 'Family Day'

Join Andover architect Jane Griswold as she takes you through a behind the scenes tour of the 1820s Amos Blanchard House when the Andover Historical Society hosts "Family Day: Kids Life in the 1820s."

The event takes place this Saturday, Jan. 27. The first session runs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; the second session is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This event is appropriate for children in pre-school through grade 3. Cost is \$5 per family.

Guests will have the opportunity to explore the hidden areas of the house as they tramp through the basement, peek in closets, and visit the attics. According to organizers, adults and children alike will be intrigued as they discover how and why the house was built and learn how it has evolved over the years.

Following the house exploration, Penny Kohut, a music teacher at Christ Church Children's Center pre-school, will take over with songs and

story-telling about what child's life was like in the 1820s. Organizers said visitors will enjoy being transported to "Andover in the 1820s... to the days when townsfolk worked as farmers, cordwainers, and innkeepers... when Andover opened its doors to its first bank and began to use its first money... when carriages traveling the Essex Turnpike to Boston would stop in Andover to pay a toll... when idle hands were the devil's tools!"

Activities will be held at the Amos Blanchard House and Museum, 97 Main St.

Shawsheen Village Woman's Club honors service at luncheon

The Shawsheen Village Woman's Club of Andover held a luncheon at the Lanam Club for its Jan. 8 meeting.

Harriet Eastman was presented with a pin honoring her as a 50-year member by Beatrice Morreo, president.

After lunch, Elaine Doucette, AAA Tour Group Manager, explained tips on package deals and other travel hints that make cruises and tours more enjoyable.

The club, in its 79th year, is affiliated with both the General Federation of Woman's Clubs International and the Massachusetts Federation.

Village Garden Club gathering: Members of the Village Garden Club gathered at the home of Mary Lee for a holiday buffet and gift swap. Pictured here are Mary Lee, with hostesses for the evening Micki Deyoreo, Nancy Hurlin, Carol Livingston and Joan Rolenhagen. Flower arrangement is by Sally Shirazi.



Photo by Marna Moorhead

Honoring 50 years of service - Harriet Eastman (left), a 50-year member of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club, receives a pin honoring her service from Beatrice Morreo, president.

The club has many activities and subgroups to fulfill the purpose, "to learn, to teach, to serve, to enjoy." Among the service projects is the providing of an annual scholarship.

Any woman in the greater Andover area interested in learning more is encouraged to contact Mary Taylor, membership chairwoman, at 475-1647.

Ballard Vale Church presents 'Salute to the Silver Screen'

Members of the Ballard Vale United Church as well as some of their friends from South Church and Free Church will perform songs from the movies on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

A reception precedes the show at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Ballard Vale Church's minister of music, Bryan Bishop, who is lead vocalist for the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty, is directing and producing the show.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and include the pre-performance reception as well as coffee and dessert following the show. Tickets will be available at the door, or can be reserved by calling the church at 475-2506.



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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened during a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, pursuant to an Order of Remand of the Land Court issued on January 3, 2001 ordering the Board to strike five (5) conditions imposed by the Board in its decision filed on November 3, 2000 approving a definitive subdivision plan entitled WILLOUGHBY ESTATES located off Prides Circle (off Abbot Street), on land purported to be owned now or formerly by Green Trust; Trustees of Phillips Academy; Elizabeth Manning Schumm; and Warren and Anne McKeon; more specifically identified as parcels 19, 20, 21, 42, 43 and 44 on Assessor's Map 76. The amendment is to add three (3) sheets depicting off-site utilities to be installed by the developer in Abbot Street and Spring Grove Road, said three sheets intended to be included in the approval but inadvertently omitted, and to amend the conditions attached to the Board's approval of the plan. The subject three sheets, and the entire plan may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
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January 18 & 25, 2001

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 1, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Jeffrey W. & Laurie A. Stack, 57 North St., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. to remove existing buildings, subdivide and construct two new dwellings on the new lots that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 57 North Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 28 as Lots 35 & 35.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened during a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 81W of the General Laws for the purpose of amending the Board's decision of November 3, 2000 granting approval of a definitive subdivision plan entitled WILLOUGHBY ESTATES located off Prides Circle (off Abbot Street), on land purported to be owned now or formerly by Green Trust; Trustees of Phillips Academy; Elizabeth Manning Schumm; and Warren and Anne McKeon; more specifically identified as parcels 19, 20, 21, 42, 43 and 44 on Assessor's Map 76. The amendment is to add three (3) sheets depicting off-site utilities to be installed by the developer in Abbot Street and Spring Grove Road, said three sheets intended to be included in the approval but inadvertently omitted, and to amend the conditions attached to the Board's approval of the plan. The subject three sheets, and the entire plan may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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DANIEL S. CASPER,
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January 18 & 25, 2001

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 1, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Rosemary Costello, 5 Wolcott Avenue, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. to convert existing porch to four-season room and add a deck that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 5 Wolcott Avenue, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 38 as Lot 193.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
January 18 & 25, 2001

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, February 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by Railroad Street LLC, for a Site Plan Special Permit to allow for alteration/renovation to the existing 912 square foot abandoned one-story commercial building located at 17 Railroad Street, more specifically identified as Assessor's Map 38, Parcel 1B. Upon completion of the alteration/renovations, the facility will be converted into a restaurant, offering eat-in and take out service. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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PLANNING BOARD
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January 25 &
February 1, 2001

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Premises affected are located at 214 Holt Road, Andover, MA in a Single Residence B District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 44 as Lot 46.

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CHAIRMAN
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January 18 & 25, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 01P0009-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF
WILLIAM FRANKLIN
BUCHAN

To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM FRANKLIN BUCHAN late of the County of Essex Date of Death, October 11, 2000

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by CHARLOTTE R. BUCHAN named in said will as CHARLOTTE RUTH BUCHAN of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON February 20, 2001

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date January 17, 2001

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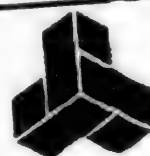
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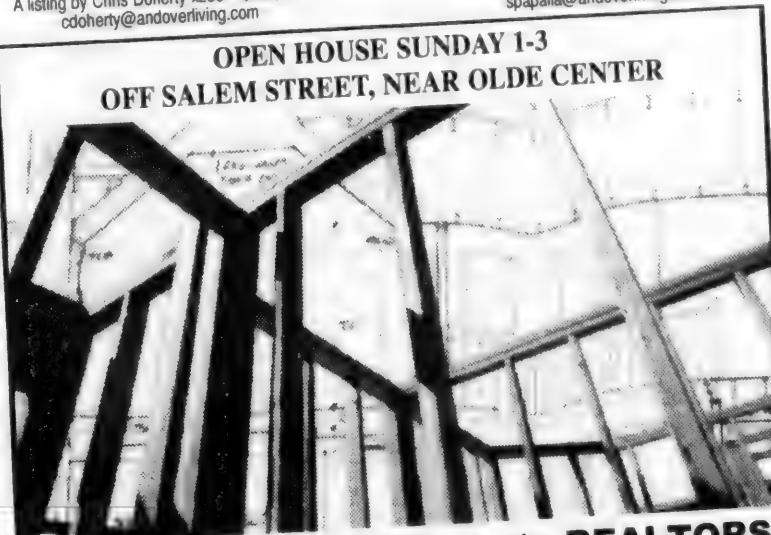
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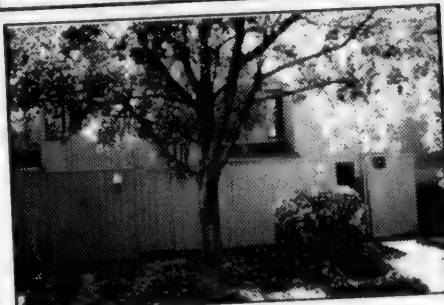
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State college saving plans are making the grade

By Michael Noone

(NAPS) – When Dickens wrote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," he could easily have been describing the emotions parents experience when sending their children off to college.

While it is a parent's lot to be constantly put to the test, many find that their toughest test may be finding a way to finance their child's college education.

According to the College Board, children born in the year 2000 can expect the average cost of a four-year college education to range from \$100,000 at public universities to nearly \$235,000 at private universities by around the year 2018.

At the same time,

research indicates that the percentage of college costs paid by parents has diminished – thus burdening new graduates with larger and larger loans.

In 1999, student loans made up 59 percent of a record \$68 billion in financial aid. Two decades ago, loans made up just over 41 percent of student financial help.

To help reverse this trend, a number of states have introduced college savings programs that offer tax advantages to help parents and others save for college.

Known as Qualified State Tuition Programs, these programs are governed under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code; their key benefits are:

- Federal and state

income tax advantages when funds are used for expenses at eligible higher education institutions;

- The ability in most states to invest substantial amounts – generally \$100,000 or more per beneficiary;

- Unlike the Roth or education IRAs, there is no income limit for participating;

- The flexibility to use the funds at nearly all accredited colleges and universities in the United States and some institutions abroad; and

- Estate and gift tax benefits, as well as parental control over the assets, even after the beneficiary reaches the age of majority.

Earnings on this type of account are not taxed by

either the federal or state governments until withdrawn, when they are taxed at the beneficiary's rate, which is a usually a lower rate than the parent or account owner. Some plans even exempt earnings from state income taxes and/or offer sizable state income tax deductions for contributions. For this reason, people should first investigate the plan offered in their home state. Non-qualified withdrawals, however, are subject to federal and state income tax and a penalty that is typically 10 percent on the earnings portion of the withdrawal.

Contributions made to this kind of account also can be treated as gifts, with up to \$10,000 being contributed annually without the money

falling under the regulations of the federal gift tax. It is even possible to deposit as much as \$50,000 in a single year and spread the tax liability over five years, treating the amount, for tax purposes, as a series of five \$10,000 deposits, as allowed by law.

The core investment option offered uses a managed allocation, age-based approach that shifts money from equities to less risky investments as the time to enter college draws closer. Some plans, however, are offering broader investment choices, ranging from a guaranteed option to a 100 percent equity option.

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(NAPS) – More Americans are investing in stocks or stock mutual funds than ever before. And all across the country, they have access to more investment information than ever before. From television channels devoted to finance and investing to round-the-clock Internet access to corporate annual reports, information is just a flick of the wrist – or a click of the mouse – away.

This data explosion has produced two kinds of investors: the hardy go-it-aloners, who thrive on processing information themselves, and the roughly three-out-of-four investors who choose to pay a financial advisor to guide them through the information thicket.

Typically, investors use a broker, a registered investment advisor or a financial planner to help them choose investments matched to their preferences and needs. And, just as you pay any other professional for his or

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While this range of choice does allow investors to match type of advisor and payment method to their particular situation, it can also be confusing.

A new booklet from the nonprofit organization Forum for Investor Advice is designed to help clear up the confusion. Written in down-to-earth language, the booklet walks investors through basic payment options. The booklet uses four hypothetical investors, each with dif-



For many investors, picking their way through the explosion of investment information may seem like walking through a jungle.

fering goals and timeframes, to illustrate why they may prefer a particular payment method.

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This year, giving to charity will be less taxing

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By Eric M. Danis

Massachusetts is in the lower third of all states when measured according to the rate at which its residents give to private charities, according to an analysis by the Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University.

The same analysis, published in October 2000, estimated that if Massachusetts voters approved ballot question 7, which would establish a state-level charitable tax deduction, Massachusetts would move from the bottom third to either the middle third or the top third of states in terms of its generosity. The analysis by the BHI speculated that the passage of question 7 would increase charitable giving by Massachusetts residents by \$1.43 billion over the next five years.

Of course, the majority of Massachusetts voters did cast their ballots in favor of question 7 in November. Effective for tax years starting on or after January 1, 2001, the Massachusetts Legislature enacted a personal income tax deduction for

certain charitable contributions. Massachusetts will now join 33 other states that already offer tax incentives for giving to nonprofits. Organizations eligible to benefit from the deduction include religious, health, educational, human service, arts and cultural, civic, environmental and international organizations, as determined by the Internal Revenue Service Code, according to the BHI.

Lawrence J. Ardito, of Toscano & Ardito, P.C., in North Andover, states that prior to Jan. 1, 2001, "There was not a deduction for charitable contributions for the state of Massachusetts. Now, after January 1 of 2001, there is going to be a deduction for charitable contributions, both for federal itemizers as well as for Massachusetts."

Mr. Ardito says that, according to the new act, "If you have a charitable contribution of \$1000, you'll save \$59 on your 2001 Massachusetts state income tax return ... before (the new act) you would have saved nothing."

Although it is always difficult to forecast financial trends, Mr. Ardito is slightly optimistic about the possibi-

ty for increased charity in Massachusetts.

"Now that Massachusetts allows for a deduction it may prompt people to be more charitable," says Mr. Ardito. "The people who can afford to be more charitable will probably be more charitable."

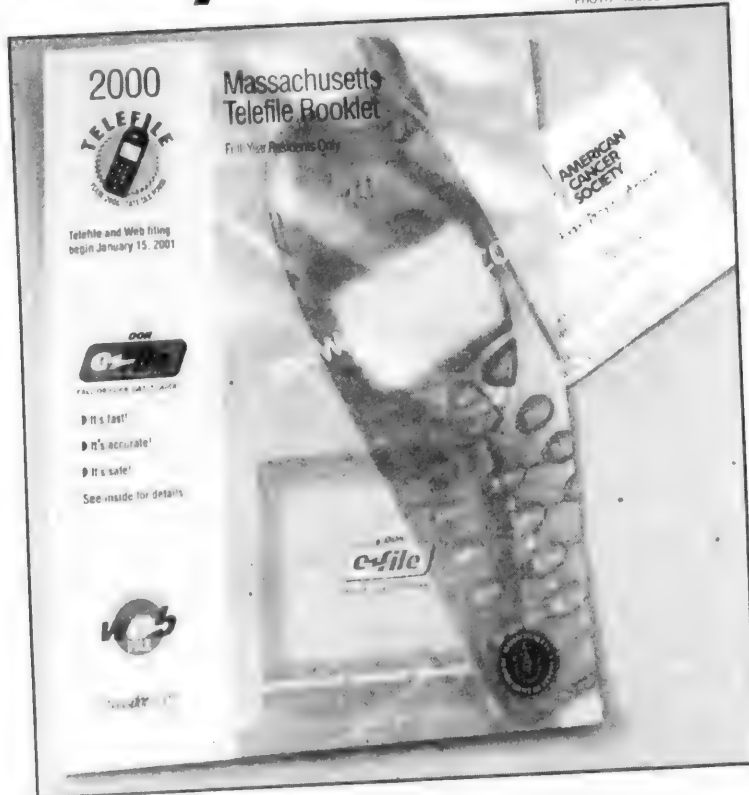
The act will "most certainly help everybody. The person who goes to church every Sunday and puts \$2 in the basket will automatically reduce their taxes by 5.9 percent (Massachusetts' tax rate)," says Mr. Ardito.

A person who places \$100 in the church collection basket on a weekly basis will also save 5.9 percent, which is why Mr. Ardito believes that the income tax deduction will benefit both the wealthy and the not-so-wealthy.

Debra Silberstein, from the Law Office of Debra Silberstein in Andover, is not sure that the new act will have a great impact on Massachusetts residents' charitable giving.

"Depending on the situation, tax deductions can drive charitable contributions ... but it is only one factor," says Ms. Silberstein.

"Now that Massachusetts allows for a deduction it may prompt people to be more charitable," says Lawrence J. Ardito.



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Ryan Financial predicted dot.com collapse

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"The Ryan Report" (www.ryanfinancial.com), you may remember that last February 25 we predicted the dot.com fiasco, a month before the authoritative article by "Barrons." We noted at that time the spurious assumptions posited by the chief financial officers and chief executives of the dot.coms. Their strategies were based on the fallacious assumption that a superior technology or a new gizmo would so enthrall the investing public that the rest would take care of itself. Guess what? It didn't. That wasn't a plan, it was a pipe dream. While some investors were gleefully bobbing in a sea of irrational exuberance, in short supply was common business practice, not to mention horse sense.

While these excesses were disposed of rather violently, many excellent and profitable stocks

were caught in the backwash. The simple fact is that the carnage that the NASDAQ suffered was grossly overdone. Profitable, industry-leading companies were thrown in with the pretenders, all suffering the fate of being involved with "technology."

Investment strategy for 2001

So, what might be a prudent strategy for 2001 and beyond? As we solidify our investment strategy for the current year, we see how well-served we have been in sticking to the old adage that, over the long-term, stock prices always follow earnings. We think that, particularly after the shakeout of last year, it is natural for investors to seek out security, rather than speculation. In this environment that means blue chip stocks. Until the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee lowers rates a

few more times, we will be in the midst of an economic slowdown precipitated by their own excesses. The FOMC raised rates at least one time too often and naively underestimated the potency of the combination of raising energy prices with Fed tightening. At this writing, it also seems highly probable that President Bush will be able to fulfill his campaign promise of across-the-board tax cuts. Tax cutting is always stimulative, as is a lowering of interest rates.

Therefore, our investment thesis for 2001 would be centered around profitable industry-leading blue chip stocks, particularly those in the technology sector that have been unfairly punished. We would stay away from any stock that did not have sustainable earnings, low economic sensitivity and solid cash flows. We think that balance

sheet strength will carry the day, because we may not see a sustained market rally until the second half of the year.

Remember that all of these efforts at reviving the economy have lead times from three to six months. This, we believe, will turn out to have been an excellent time to fill your portfolio with bargains.

Ryan Financial's growth in 2000

While last year was certainly a most challenging investing environment, Ryan Financial's business grew by more than 50 percent. "We attribute that growth to our superior performance record and the fact that many individuals, who had attempted to invest on their own, found that experience counts," said William T. Ryan, president of the firm.

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Credit scoring: what home buyers should know

(NAPS) - There are a number of facts and fallacies about credit scoring - a quick, accurate and consistent scientific method for assessing credit risk

- it would pay families who are house hunting to know more about.

Simply put, the result of your credit scoring is a "snap-

shot"; it sums up what your past payment performance and current usage of credit say about your level of credit risk to the lender.

Remember, no single factor - like a late payment or even a bankruptcy - will be the sole cause of an unacceptable credit score.

Scoring models do not consider race, gender, religion, marital status, income, employment history or job title; they do include past payment performance, which is approximately 35 percent of the credit score's weight. Remember, a 30-day-late payment by you today will have a greater negative impact on your score than a bankruptcy

five years ago with a clean credit since. Credit scoring also includes how you use credit and your credit history. Typically, the longer paid-as-agreed accounts have been opened, the lower the risk indications are about you.

Use of mortgage brokers

With a broker, home buyers get an expert assisting them through the complex lending process. The broker offers the consumer extensive choices and access to affordable home loans, while balancing his or her client's financial interests and goals.

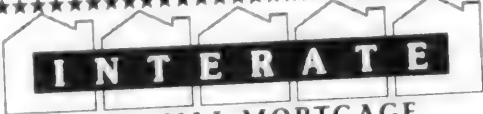
Mortgage brokers represent the single largest residential loan source today, playing a singular role in the mortgage loan process.

Tips on how to improve your credit profile and score

There is no magic to improving your credit score. Credit scores automatically improve as your credit profile gets better. Improving your credit profile is not always quick, but here are a few things to remember:

- Pay down all of your credit card balances to below 30 percent of the available credit limit.
- Low balances on a few cards are better than high balances on one or two credit cards. So, consolidate accounts with care and your mortgage broker's advice.
- Keep the number of credit cards you own to a conservative number, but don't close accounts without the advice of a knowledgeable mortgage broker.

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Now is the time to plan your retirement

(NAPS) - With changes in health care and lifestyle, people are living longer and staying more active in retirement than ever before. As a result, many people are taking a second look at how they plan to fund their retirement. For most, this means they need to save more money and demand better earnings from their investments.

Retirement planning, however, sometimes can be as confusing as alphabet soup, with people talking about IRAs, 401(k)s, and sometimes 403 (b) or 457 plans.

An investment professional can help you find the products that are right for you, but it's important to keep in mind that no one product is right for everyone.

A variable annuity is one product to discuss with your investment professional. They give consumers a way to save for retirement, while deferring taxes on earnings until the money is withdrawn, usually at or near retirement. Variable annuities are projected to become a \$150 billion industry, according to the Variable Annuity Research and Data Service, with annual growth of more than 15 percent since the mid-'90s.

When should you consider investing in a variable annuity?

- When you are maxed out on contributions to IRAs, 401(k)s or other retirement plans.
- When you are a long-term investor - saving for retirement or other long-term needs - especially if liquidity is not a concern before age 59 1/2.
- When you are an active trader in the

market, but don't want the tax burden associated with the trading of straight mutual funds or stocks.

• When you are working with a financial professional you trust; many variable annuities offer many options which, when applied properly, can help meet your specific retirement planning needs.

Before investing, understand that variable annuities are subject to market risk, including possible loss of principal. All individuals selling variable annuities must be insurance agents and registered representatives.

If you have reached the limits on your IRAs and 401(k) plans, a variable annuity might be the right choice for you. Talk to your financial professional about what product will best meet your needs.

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Variable Annuities Compared To Other Retirement Savings Products				
	IRA	Mutual Fund (non-IRA)	401(k)	Variable Annuity
Tax-deferred earnings	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Unlimited Contributions	No (allows only \$2,000 annually)	Yes	No (allows only \$10,500 annually)	Yes
Principal invested with pre-tax dollars	In selected instances; typically with post-tax dollars. May be tax-deductible	No	Yes	No
Tax-free investment transfers	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
*Guaranteed death benefits for beneficiaries	No	No	No	Yes
Flexible payment options	No (mandatory distribution at age 70 1/2)	Yes	No (mandatory distribution at age 70 1/2)	Yes
10% penalty on earnings if withdrawn	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

*Subject to the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance company

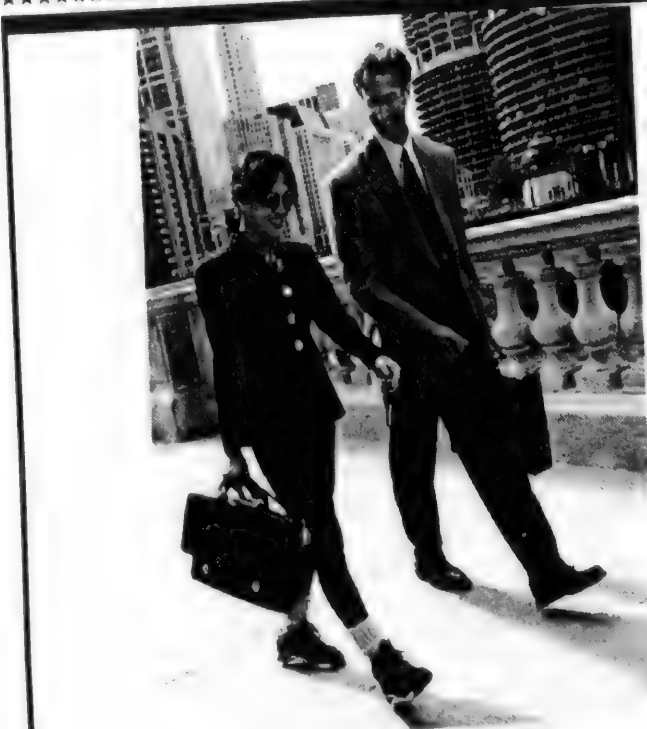
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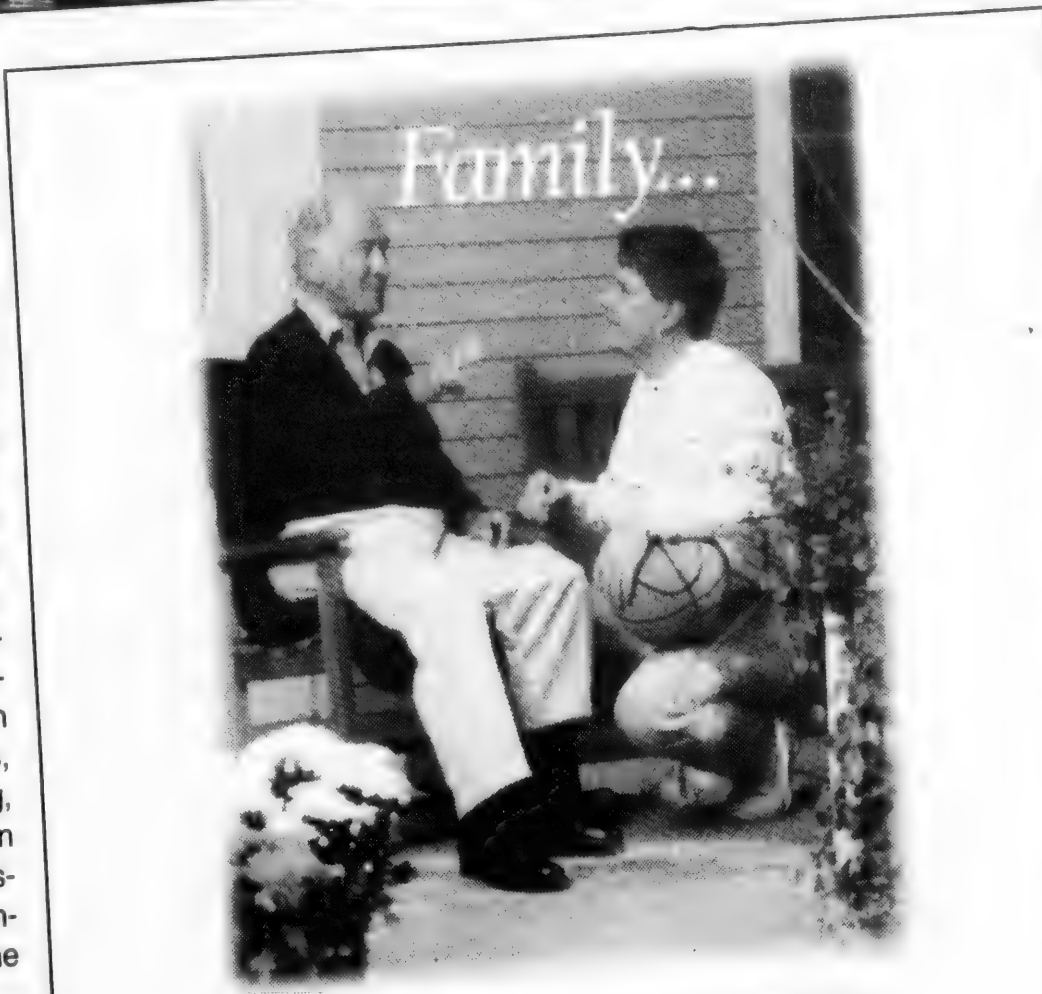
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In his widely acclaimed book, "From Age-ing to Sage-ing," Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi identifies the ideal senior community. Such a community, he writes, must be firmly founded upon the principle that all people, regardless of age or infirmity, have the potential for growth and renewal. Such a community must value people's autonomy and self-esteem and offer its members the opportunity to be their best selves. Heritage at North Andover is precisely such a community.

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Although 95 percent occupied, Heritage still offers several different styles of apartments and a priority wait list. The community setting is home-like, welcoming, comfortable and elegant. The staff are specially trained professionals, and they are nurturing and caring individuals. Heritage at North Andover also offers a very special program for those residents with memory impairment, called Homestead at Heritage. In addition, respite, or short-stay, programs are available at a daily rate, encompassing all of the same services available to assisted living residents. Heritage at North Andover is located on eight beautiful acres, overlooking Weir Hill, at 700 Chickering Road in North Andover. For information and a tour, please feel free to call Dina Lynch at (978) 683-1300.



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Having a baby? You'll need diapers, toys ... and life insurance

(NAPSA) - While there are many issues that need to be considered when you have children, planning for your family's financial security should be at the top of your list.

Just as you plan to feed your children a healthy diet, buy car seats and safety locks and place dangerous chemicals out of harm's way, purchasing adequate life insurance coverage is considered part of your overall duty as a responsible parent.

Choosing life insurance policies that protect your family is something that should not be taken lightly. The amount of life insurance you need depends on the level of protection your family would require in the unfortunate event of a loss. Life insurance can help pay for the support of your dependents, their education, mortgage payments and other financial obligations. With the right life insurance plan, you

can rest assured that your family's financial needs will be satisfied.

Because life insurance is not a "one size fits all" product, it is important to discuss your options with a professional insurance agent. There are several permanent life insurance products that can be tailored to suit your particular circumstances. Term insurance may be right for younger people with limited means, who need temporary protection; later, as life changes occur, you may wish to convert that policy to permanent insurance coverage. When all is taken into consideration, you may find that a combination of permanent and term insurance is best for you. No matter what your needs, goals, hopes and dreams, a solid life insurance plan can help you sleep at night - that is, if your children let you sleep.

Safe ways to send money

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(NAPSA) - Once children go off to college, parents face a variety of new challenges. Internet access is making it easier to find solutions to some of these challenges.

Sending money to kids far away used to mean sending a check and relying on the postal service for prompt delivery. Now, it's possible to send college kids their monthly allowance or extra cash conveniently and safely through a computer, using an online payment service.

Heidi R. Goff, president and chief executive officer of multifunctional online payment service ExchangePath, outlines the benefits of using an online payment account for parents and their college kids:

1. You can provide an allowance or extra cash for your son or daughter, usually by just signing on to a Web site and transferring money from your checking or credit card account directly into an online account.
2. Simply send an e-mail to your child's online account with the money enclosed, and the cash will be instantly available for your child's use.



Online payment services make it possible to send money via a computer.

3. Your son or daughter can quickly and safely transfer the money into his or her own checking account, send it to another online account or store it in an online account for other online purchases - at no cost.

4. They can also create safe online communities with other students, by e-mailing money to roommates to pay a telephone bill or rent, to a sorority sister or fraternity brother to pay monthly dues or to friends to coordinate expenses for spring break.

5. Online payment services help students avoid becoming victims of credit card debt and learn financial responsibility by managing their cash flow through their online account.

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Online lending services give Kids clip coupons, learn dollar values

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(NAPS) - The next time you need a loan, leave your walking shoes in the closet. Instead of pounding the pavement, dragging yourself from one bank to another, spending hours filling out applications, waiting days for a response and paying hundreds of dollars in fees, try an online lending marketplace.

Eileen King, president of her own lawn care company in Connecticut, got financing through Equal-Footing.com, a service specifically designed for small businesses, and says,

"When I find things like this that are time-savers, it's a godsend."

An amazing 75 percent of small businesses are using credit today. Online marketplaces save these businesses hours of valuable time by matching business owners in need of loans with potential lenders, the same way that online mortgage sites match home buyers with lenders.

Online marketplaces provide an easy, convenient and time-saving way to obtain the financing you need for your business. Submit just one short application - free of charge - and they forward it to a network of lenders. Based on your credit history, you may receive offers

from a variety of lenders, including those who deal with less-than-perfect credit. Some offers may come instantly, while others may come in several days. Once you receive an offer, you can accept it immediately online, or you can choose to wait for other offers.

In addition to a simple application process, many sites match borrowers with lenders on the basis of credit scores in as little as two minutes for basic products such as term loans, lines of credit and equipment leases.

Best of all, the application process is absolutely free to the borrower and can be completed on- or off-line.



Access the best business lenders available - all at once and right from your office.

(NAPSA) - What century-old activity do 80 percent of Americans participate in, both off- and online, that saved them \$4.7 billion last year?

The answer, surprisingly, is clipping coupons. These handy cutouts not only reward participants with cash value, but they can also serve as fun and valuable teaching tools for children. Coupons provide a great way to teach kids money management skills and responsibility and are an educational way to learn to read better and gain knowledge of math, money and the calendar.

The Promotion Marketing Association's Coupon Council offers the following coupon-related ideas for teaching children as they grow.

For pre-kindergarten youngsters, reading coupon inserts with them introduces reading as a source of pleasure and learning.

- Point out and name familiar things and play a game to encourage the child to spot them first. For example, look for colors, toys or familiar grocery items.

- In the store, have them match the picture on the coupon to the actual product. Also, encourage the child to look for specific numbers.

For kindergarten through third-graders, looking for numbers in magazines and coupon inserts reinforces reading and math skills, while also introducing them to the concepts of money and dates.

- Take the time to talk about money with them: where it comes from, how we get it and what it's for.



Cut it out - and save! Millions of Americans clip coupons for their monetary and educational value.

- Every week, have children look for specific coupons in the Sunday newspaper, in magazines and in your mailbox.

Teach children in grades four through six responsibility by letting them carefully clip coupons and then organize them by category.

- At the supermarket, have them compare prices before and after using coupons. Use the coupon savings as their allowance.

- Put coupon savings into a special fund to be used for a toy or other item your child really wants. Have them keep track of the savings.

- Have your children help by using a coupon organizer to sort coupons by either product or date.

- Have your children help plan the family menu by using coupons.

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Borrower beware: What you don't know about predatory lending can hurt you

(NAPSA) - "Need money? Bad credit? No credit? No problem!" Many times, these phrases are music to the ears of loan-seekers, especially those with less-than-perfect credit ratings. However, when it comes time to pay back these loans and tally up the interest charges, borrowers often find themselves singing a sorrowful tune.

Most lenders value their customers and want to give them the best possible loan options. However, according to a new guide, consumers need to beware. Promises of easy money can come back to haunt you; inability to pay back these loans could ruin your credit and result in a loss of cash savings, car, home furnishings - even your home.

In an effort to educate the public about predatory lending practices and obtaining a mortgage, the Fannie Mae Foundation has developed a free consumer guide, "Borrowing Basics: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You." The guide serves to educate people on what predatory lending is, how to identify it and its negative effects.

"Borrowing Basics" helps consumers understand the characteristics of predatory lenders, and helps them avoid becoming victims. The guide covers such topics as who predatory lenders are and the similar traits they have, including:

- Offering a loan based solely on the equity in a

home, not on the borrower's ability to repay it;

- Charging unusually high interest rates for loans;
- Adding excessive points to a loan without lowering the interest rate;
- Including excessive fees; and
- Tacking on unnecessary costs, such as prepaid single-premium credit life insurance.

"Predatory lending is a sad chapter in the history of housing discrimination," says Stacey H. Davis, president and chief executive officer of the Fannie Mae Foundation. "The 'Borrowing Basics' guide will educate and empower potential borrowers, helping them avoid becoming victimized by unscrupulous lenders by providing information on how to shop for a loan and become aware of all their options."

Most often, the victims of predatory lenders are low- and moderate-income persons, minorities and the elderly. In order to avoid becoming victims, the guide advises consumers to:

- Shop around and contact at least three lending institutions to compare interest rates and loan options;
- Borrow only the amount needed and that you can afford to repay; and
- Understand exactly how much the entire loan will cost.

Protect your family's money

(NAPSA) - According to the National Institute for Estate Planners, Baby Boomers, their children and their grandchildren are poised to inherit an enormous amount of wealth. The number and size of estates and inheritances are expected to rise sharply until about 2015.

The forthcoming transfer of wealth in the United States, over the 55-year period from 1998 to 2052 will be at least \$41 trillion and could be as high as \$136 trillion, according to the Boston College Social Welfare Research Institute. In 1999, 590,000 households had a net worth of \$5 million or more, up from just 90,000 in 1994, according to the Spectrum Group, which estimates that 6.7 million households in 1999 had a net worth exceeding \$1 million, up from 5.3 million households the year before.

A significant segment of the population has benefited from a prolonged prosperous economy, an extended bull market and a growing prevalence of broad corporate incentive programs, such as stock options. Many charities

and community foundations have, in turn, benefited from the resulting multitrillion-dollar intergenerational transfer of wealth that has begun and is expected to continue in the coming decades. Charitable giving increased by over \$15 billion in 1999, resulting in more than \$190 billion nationally, according to Giving USA, an annual report published by the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel.

Behind some of the growth in assets of community foundations and charities overall is the rise in the number of supporting organizations, according to an annual survey by the Columbus Foundation in Ohio. In addition to public charity, a charitable bequest can be made to a charitable gift trust, with donor-advised funds, where donors turn over cash and appreciated assets, claim a charitable deduction and then recommend to which charities to distribute the money. Grants can usually be made to any of the 650,000 charities approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

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Mr. Hill is one of more than 80 associates at Baystate, who are thoroughly trained in financial markets and products. He applies this ongoing, state-of-the-art education daily in his analysis of today's ever-changing financial markets.

"We feel very strongly that our clients who have mid- to long-range timetables for their funds should not be overly concerned about occasional stock market volatility," says Mr. Hill. "Patience and discipline are required here. The U.S. market has indeed experienced the near-term volatility that we thought it might. However, following a resolution period of another quarter or two, we are optimistic that the market will begin trending higher. The

mid- to long-term investment future still looks very bright."

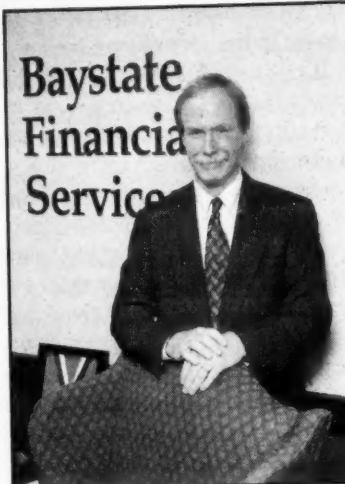
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